

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

French Crisis

THE French political system, with its strangely nebulous party alliances, is at the best of times difficult for people outside of the country to understand; the latest crisis, which involves the constitution and may also end M. Faure's political career, is bewildering.

If its impact were purely domestic, interest would remain academic, but France's position in the world councils could be considerably affected by the composition of a new Assembly and the political affiliations of a new Cabinet. To this extent it is necessary to focus some attention on the outcome of the political crisis into which France has been thrown.

BEHIND the events of the past fortnight can be discerned a struggle for power between two of the nation's leading statesmen—M. Faure and M. Mendès-France. Both desire the Premiership although they are politically affiliated.

Mr Faure did more than any other Deputy to bring about the fall of Faure's government by an absolute majority; it is also Mr Faure who has led the movement for the expulsion of M. Faure from the Radical-Socialist Party.

Nevertheless, it would appear the political critics and opponents of the French Premier overreached themselves when they sent the Faure government down to crushing defeat, for this has enabled M. Faure to make use of his constitutional right to dissolve the Assembly, thereby obtaining his early general elections, but minus electoral reform.

M. Faure has also had to act quickly in order to nullify a move by the parliamentary Socialist Party to win a new Assembly debate on electoral reform. Dissolution is to be immediate, effective. This decision will doubtless magnify the wrath of his Radical-Socialist colleagues and may forfeit him popularity within the party.

Man Without Gravity

What is it like when man has no gravity to keep him on his feet? A man who tried it, found it made him feel "lost in space".

Don't miss chapter four in our exciting feature "Journey to the Stars" in tomorrow's China Mail, written this week by Dr Alan Slater.

This is only one of a number of topline features in the feature-packed Saturday Mail.

Watch out also for these—

★ Anne Sharp's interview with Ella Maillart, the last of the lady explorers.

★ The dark horse in the coming American elections, by Les Armour.

★ Oxford's reign of terror 600 years ago when students did battle with townsmen.

There are all your regular favourites as well including "Jane Roberts' film reviews, three pages of local and overseas news, a special section for women, a children's page, two pages of local and overseas sports, reviews, cartoons, comic strips, puzzles and clues—all in the Saturday Mail.

FAURE ACTS SWIFTLY

Pres Coty Signs Dissolution Decree

DEFEATS MOVE BY OPPONENTS

Paris, Dec. 2.

The Premier, M. Edgar Faure cut short all attempts to interfere with the smooth progress of the dissolution of the Assembly and new general elections by publishing the official decree announcing the dissolution in the official gazette this morning.

The decree was signed by the President of the Republic, M. Rene Coty, late last night.

Publication of the decree puts an end to the powers of the National Assembly. In consequence, the demand put forward yesterday by the Social and Radical deputies to call the Assembly together has now been successfully blocked.

It was also announced in official quarters that the date of the general election would be announced in a separate decree. This was understood to mean that the government hoped to find some legal loophole which would enable them to avoid holding elections on New Year's Day.

Police Seize Mother And Her Son

Berlin, Dec. 1.

East German police have seized a refugee mother and her small son who walked into an entrance to the Communist-controlled city railway in West Berlin.

West Berlin citizens, standing outside the station, were powerless to answer her cries for help as Communist "People's Police" arrested the mother, Frau Johanna Schmiedke, and the boy.

They were able to forestall a Communist policeman who came out of the subway to try to arrest the woman's two daughters who were waiting outside. An independent newspaper said today that Frau Schmiedke, who came to West Berlin with her family a few weeks ago, was waiting at the subway entrance for the arrival of an aunt bringing a birthday gift for the boy.

The boy suddenly ran down the steps to see if his aunt was coming and the mother left her daughters to call him back but was seized by police as soon as she entered the subway.

Witnesses just saw the mother and boy being driven away in a police van on the East Berlin side of the city boundary. The two girls were returned to their father in West Berlin.—China Mail Special.

Artillery Duel

Gaza, Dec. 1.

A violent six-hour artillery duel between Egyptian and Israeli troops was still raging here late today despite attempts by United Nations neutral observers to halt it.

An Egyptian military spokesman said Israeli troops were using heavy artillery in the battle, which straddles the United Nations demarcation line.—France-Press.

Explosion In Railway Stn

New York, Dec. 1.

A home-made bomb exploded tonight in a men's room at Grand Central Station in midtown Manhattan during the height of the evening rush hour.

The police said no one was injured.

The authorities said the blast apparently was the work of the "mad bomber of Manhattan" who has been plaguing police for 15 years by planting home-made bombs in public places.

An explosion occurred more than a year ago in the same room.

Police said six persons were in the 35 by 15 foot room when the blast occurred. The explosion shattered nearby furnishings and hurled debris throughout the room. But the occupants were only shaken up.—United Press.

Truck Explodes: Nine Killed

Piacenza, Italy, Dec. 1.

A truck loaded with World War II bombs exploded today and almost destroyed a war material salvage plant, killing nine men.

The blast rocked the "Seler" company plant between Gazola and Agazzano, 18 miles south of here. It killed all nine men loading a truck with World War II bombs and explosives salvaged from the Appennines where U.S. 5th Army and Nazi troops fought in 1944 and 1945.

The victims included Giacomo Bassi, owner of "Seler" firm and four private policemen. Two Italian army artillery experts, two truck drivers, the last four victims were not identified.—United Press.



M. FAURE

H-Bomb Test Motion By Attlee

London, Dec. 1.

Mr Clement Attlee, leader of the British Labour opposition, tonight urged the government to try to get agreement with the United States and Russia to stop further experimental explosions of the hydrogen bomb.

He put forward a motion to this effect for action by the House of Commons, after a meeting of the Labour parliamentary party tonight.

Parliamentary quarters considered the government would probably find time for debate on the motion during the week after next.

The motion is worded in such a way that it would be difficult for any member on either side of the House to vote against it. But the government may put forward an amendment.

THE MOTION

The motion asks the House to "welcome an approach by the government to the governments of the United States and the USSR with a view to concluding an agreement for the cessation of further experimental explosions of the hydrogen bomb".

In the House of Commons earlier today, Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, said the question of controlling explosions of hydrogen and atomic weapons was "not a matter of emotion but a technical problem of very great difficulty".

He was answering questions by a Labour member who suggested stopping all nuclear explosions pending a United Nations report on the effects of radiation.—Reuter.

No Pension For Widow?

Nicosia, Dec. 1.

Mrs Monica Shipman, 29-year-old widow of Sergeant James Shipman, killed by Cyprus terrorists a week ago, said tonight she will not get a military pension because her husband was shot before the proclamation of a state of emergency.

Mrs Shipman, who leaves for her home in Colby, Isle of Man, tomorrow, said she had been told by the military authorities that as her husband had been killed while on his way home and not while on duty, she would be regarded as a death while on active duty.

Sergeant Shipman was shot in the back by a sten gunner in a car a few yards from the bungalow where his wife was waiting with lunch.

UN PACKAGE DEAL DEBATE

Britain & Russia Back Canadian Resolution

United Nations, Dec. 1.

Canada, backed by Russia and Britain, today appealed to the United Nations to admit 13 Western-sponsored and five Communist nations so the UN may "reflect the real world".

The Canadian delegate, Mr Paul Martin, speaking for Canada and 28 other nations, proposed that new members "not be required to meet stricter standards than those which have been applied in the past".

His appeal opened the membership debate in the Special UN Political Committee, and the Soviet deputy Foreign Minister, Mr V. V. Kuznetsov, and Sir Piersen Dixon of Britain immediately spoke in support of his proposal.

Russia and Britain were not among the 29 nations that now sponsor the resolution introduced by Mr Martin calling for admission of all those countries which we regard as really meriting admission to the United Nations.—United Press.

Mr Kuznetsov defended the rights of Communist Albania, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Outer Mongolia to membership in the UN as the five Red-sponsored nations in a proposed "package deal". He especially emphasised the qualifications of Outer Mongolia for membership.

The US representative, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., has announced that the US feels Outer Mongolia cannot "make the grade" for membership. The Americans plan to abstain in the voting on all five Communist nations—allowing them to vote the world body.

Nationalist China announced it would veto Outer Mongolia, thereby killing the "package deal" since Russia has insisted it is all 18 or none.

Sir Piersen Dixon attacked the Soviet "all or nothing" attitude today and charged that the Russian position was "unhelpful". Britain "wholeheartedly supported" the Canadian effort to break the membership deadlock, he said, and the British government hoped the Canadian efforts "would meet with success".

SOVIET CHARGE

Mr Kuznetsov, speaking in support of the resolution, charged that the US on the basis of statements by Mr Lodge appeared not prepared to support the proposal to admit the 18 States.

He said the US appeared in favour of voting for 13 Western-sponsored nations and against the four European Communist States as well as Outer Mongolia.

The US made it clear it will not vote or campaign against any of the five Communist States, although it particularly opposed the admission of Outer Mongolia on the grounds that it is not actually a State but "a Communist creation".

This now is the position of the Nationalist Chinese, who maintain that Outer Mongolia actually has been "carved out" of China by the Communists.

A Chinese vote will kill the Outer Mongolian bid for membership since all applicants must have seven out of 11 Security Council votes—including an affirmative vote or abstention from the Big Five.

"UNHELPFUL"

Russia's insistence on the admission of 18 countries at one stroke is "unhelpful, to say the least," Sir Piersen said.

Sir Piersen revealed during debate on the UN membership problem that the British delegation "is not wedded to the view that the solution must be to admit all 18".

"Indeed, we consider that the position of the Soviet Union as we understand it, that they insist on all 18 or nothing, is unhelpful to say the least and a good deal more could be said about the propriety of such a take-it-or-leave-it approach to the problem."

But if there is a general agreement on all 18, that solution will have, but support. Our only aim is to break the deadlock and we shall accept any solution within the scope of the UN Charter.

London Police Probe NAMES OF 6 OFFICERS CLEARED

London, Dec. 1.

Sir John Nott-Bower, London's Metropolitan Police Commissioner, today disclosed that an investigation into allegations of graft against members of his force had cleared six of the eight officers concerned.

But inquiries were still going on concerning another policeman, while the eighth man—Detective Sergeant Robert James Robertson—was gaoled this week with a lawyer and another man for conspiring to fake evidence at the trial of a criminal.

The police chief said in a statement that Detective Superintendent Herbert Hannam had interviewed 30 people in the investigation which arose out of complaints by a prisoner named Joseph Grech.

CONSPIRACY

Robertson and others—subsequently proved correct—to pervert the course of justice and perjury or corruption by Robertson, another detective, one uniform inspector and five uniform constables.

At the time all those concerned, apart from the two detectives, were attached to the West End central police station C Division.

The statement continued: "All Grech's allegations, the majority of which were based on hearsay, have been fully investigated by Superintendent Hannam, except that concerning one officer which is still the subject of further inquiries."

NO EVIDENCE

"Apart from this case, and that of Robertson, no evidence has been found by Superintendent Hannam to substantiate any of Grech's allegations."

When allegations of "widespread corruption" were first published in newspapers recently, Sir John Nott-Bower visited C Division to tell the men there of his confidence in their integrity. Government spokesmen in the House of Commons also, vindicated the police.—Reuter.

Reds Close Berlin Bridge

Berlin, Dec. 1.

The East German "People's Police" today blocked off the Oberbaumbrücke, a bridge linking East Berlin and the American sector of Berlin.

One of the policemen told a West German official that he thought the move was a security measure, because a pillar of the bridge would have to undergo repairs.

The bridge was closed only to vehicles. Two small passages were left for pedestrians, who were checked by the police.—France-Press.

London Tube Train Smash

London, Dec. 2.

Twenty thousand Londoners sat and twiddled their thumbs yesterday evening when 10 underground trains were held up following a collision between two trains.

The accident caused 27 injuries.

Following an electric power failure the driver of one train was understood to have decided to profit from an incline leading down into a station. He thought he could run down and link up with a train already stationary in the station, thus allowing his passengers to walk from one train to the other and so reach the station platform.

His brakes were not sufficient, however, and he crashed into the back of the stationary train.—France-Press.

DIVER DRAMATICALLY RESCUED

Washington, Dec. 1.

Rescue crews fought a winning six-hour battle today to save a Navy diver who was trapped on the bottom of the icy Patuxent River when his life line became fouled on an old anchor.

The diver, Joseph Pallarico, was trapped 130 feet below the surface at 11:15 a.m. EST. Shortly after 6 p.m. the Navy in Washington said Pallarico had been brought to the surface alive.

The rescue capped hours of feverish activity which the Navy rushed a squad of follow divers to the scene and brought in a special decompression chamber to care for Pallarico. At one point during the rescue efforts, the Navy had described the diver's situation as "grave".

The scene of the near tragedy was about a quarter of a mile off Point Patuxent, near where the river empties into Chesapeake Bay. It is one of the deepest parts of the bay, which cuts Maryland into Eastern and Western "shores" and is near the Navy's Patuxent air station.—United Press.

6 DIE IN FIRE

Tokyo, Dec. 2.

Police today reported six persons were killed in a fire which destroyed six houses in Aomori prefecture, Northern Japan, late last night.

Police are investigating the causes of the fire.—Reuter.

Terrorists Threaten To Kill Judges

Nicosia, Dec. 1.

Terrorists in Cyprus threatened today to execute judges who pass the death sentence on "patriots."

Leaflets circulated by the Eoka organisation, demanding union of the British colony with Greece, said "execution squads" had already been organised to kill the judges.

They also called on the judges to resign "otherwise they will be as guilty as the Cyprus government itself."

One Cypriot is under sentence of death for killing a policeman in connection with the current campaign for union of the island with Cyprus. He is 22-year-old Michael Karasolis.

The leaflets also denied reports of a split between Eoka and Archbishop Makarios, the Greek orthodox church leader who heads the "Union with Greece" campaign.

"A HOLY SYMBOL"

"For us, Archbishop Makarios is a holy symbol of our struggle," they declared.

A home-made bomb exploded today on the ground floor of the offices of Cyprus Airways—a subsidiary of British Overseas Airways Corporation and British European Airways—in Nicosia. An Armenian worker was injured.

Restrictions on the ringing of church bells in the Colony were announced today. During recent riots they have signalled the approach of troops.

The authorities declared today that in future the bells could only be rung for divine service and for special occasions such as baptisms, weddings and funerals.—Reuter.

Excommunication Decree Lifted

New York, Dec. 1.

Bishop Jules Jeannard of Lafayette today lifted his excommunication decree against two women accused of beating a Roman Catholic teacher who instructed negro and white children in the same catechism classroom.

In a statement the bishop said the women "have indicated to their pastor their repentance." Bishop Jeannard imposed the excommunication on Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes church at Erath, a small southwest Louisiana community, 15 miles south of Lafayette.

Excommunication is the most severe punishment which the Roman Catholic Church can impose on its members. Under it the excommunicated person cannot receive the sacraments, including confession, communion and last rites.—Reuter.

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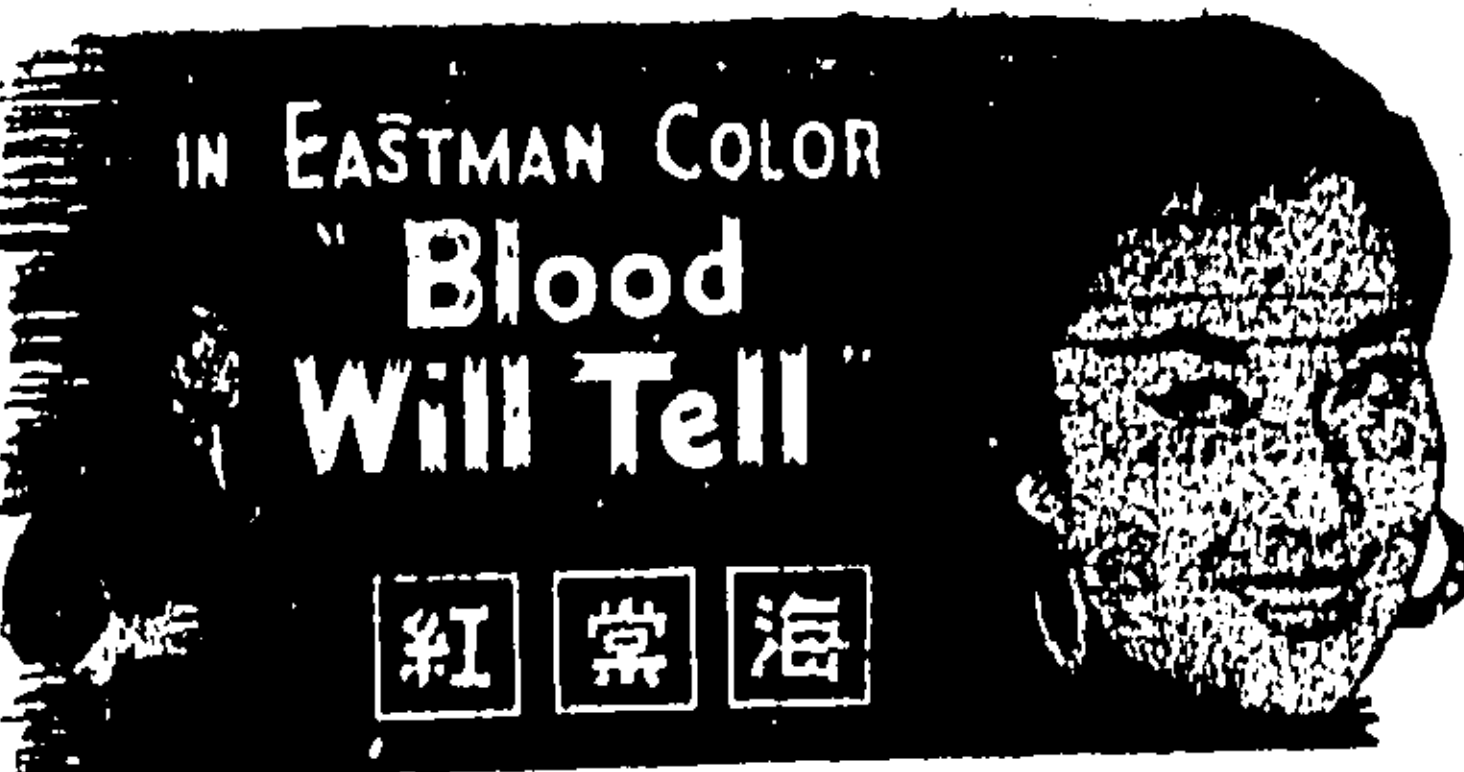
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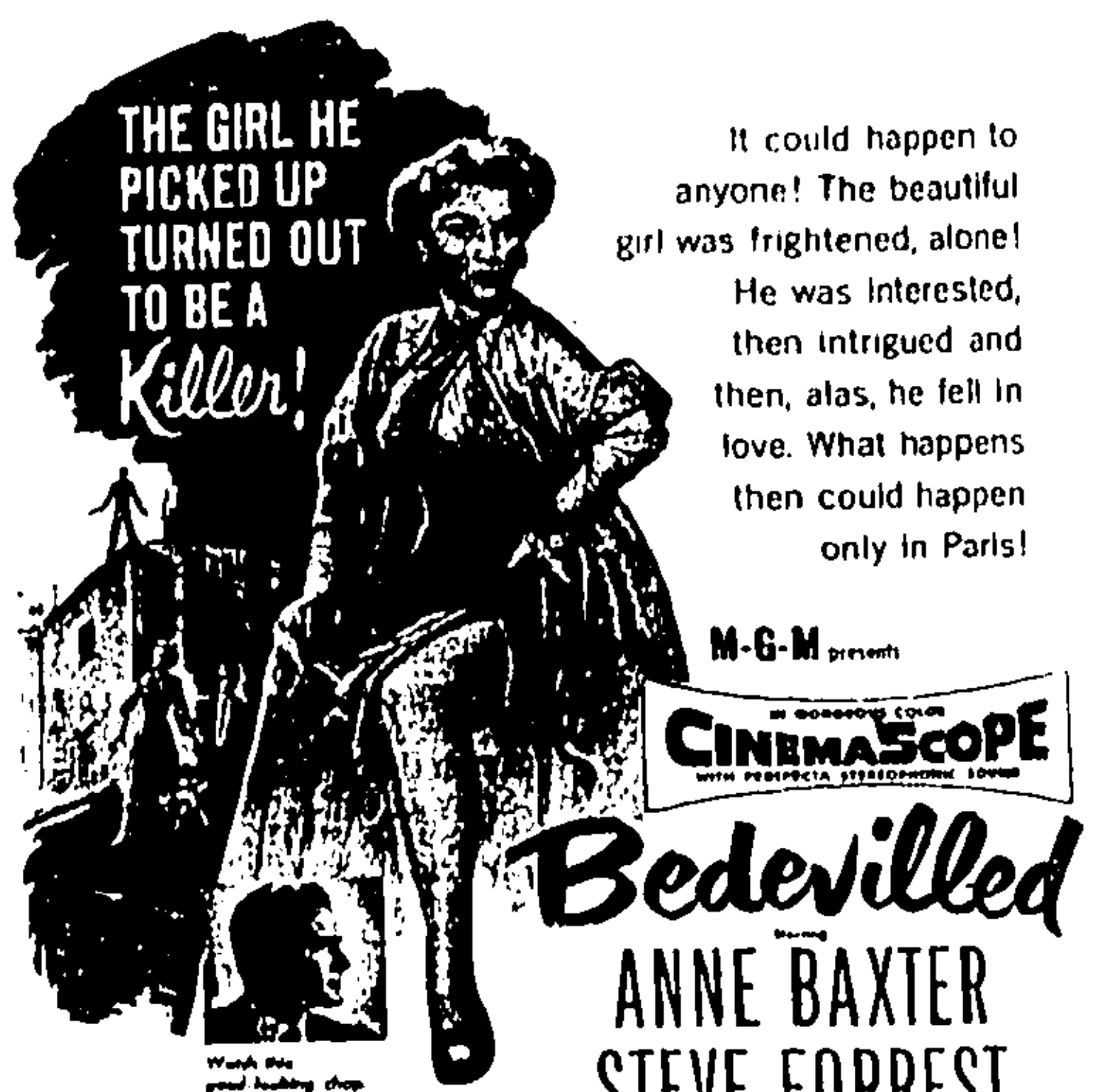


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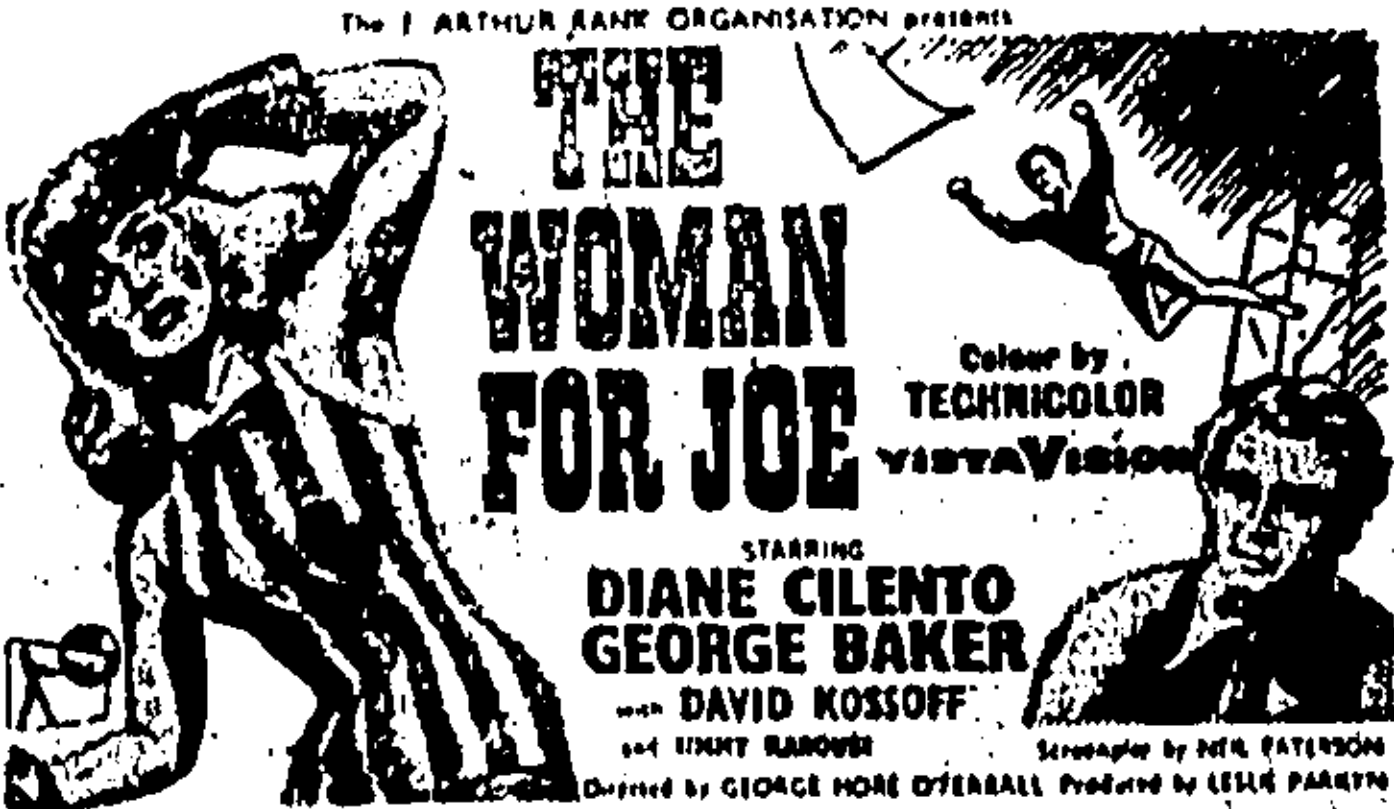
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West Faces Problems In Berlin

COULD RENOUNCE CONTROL IN BONN'S FAVOUR

London, Dec. 1.

East Germany's absorptions of East Berlin—now stated by the Russians to have taken place—will pose big problems for the Western powers, diplomatic sources here said today.

One of the major decisions will be whether they should renounce their own control over Berlin in favour of the West German Government in Bonn.

The Western powers are still probing the Soviet attitude to East Berlin. But there was no doubt in the minds of most diplomatic observers here today that the statement by the Russian Commandant in Berlin, Major-General P.A. Dibrova, that East Berlin was no longer an occupied area, represented a new Soviet policy.

The move will inevitably increase the pressure by many West Berlin leaders for the incorporation of their isolated "outpost" in the territory under Bonn administration, it is thought.

Leading Advocate

The late Dr. Ernst Reuter, who won world fame as West Berlin's Lord Mayor during the Russian blockade of the city in 1948, was the leading advocate of such a step.

His followers maintain that the technical integration of West Berlin into the Western Federation would be the logical follow-up of the present division of Germany into Communist and Western democratic areas.

They also contend that the greater part of the former capital, impoverished by both its wartime devastation and its postwar isolation, should become the economic responsibility of the prosperous West German State. At present it receives only economic "assistance" from Bonn.

The Western powers have always frowned on the proposal holding that it was fraught with serious domestic and international difficulties.

In the first place, it would put the West Berliners at the mercy of the Communist regime which is the puppet of Moscow, it was maintained.

Limit Scope

For the Western allies themselves, the merging of West Berlin into the West German Federation would create a number of difficulties, especially over the status of their forces in the city.

These are at present under the four-power agreements on the occupation of Berlin. If the occupation were to be formally abolished the troops would have to remain there as a

Western defence outpost under agreements stipulating that those which allow Western troops to stay in the Federal Republic.

Such an arrangement would limit the scope of the forces, perhaps making it impossible to assist the West Berlin authorities in keeping order.

Observers here believe that because of this and other possible complications, the Western powers would be reluctant to yield their authority over West Berlin—China Mail Special.

Jews Fear Persecution In Russia

Paris, Dec. 1.

THE European office of the American Jewish committee said today it feared a new attack on Jews in the Soviet Union following a spate of newspaper reports emphasizing names of alleged Jewish perpetrators of political crimes.

The committee recalled that this technique appeared during anti-semitic campaigns in the Soviet Union in 1952 and 1953.

The latest series of articles began in August with an attack in Sovetskaya Torgovaya, the organ of the Soviet Trade Ministry, on the Assistant Manager of a State Restaurant in Novgorod. The man named Kreiman, was charged with enriching himself at state expense.

His Jewish origin was emphasized by repetition of his first name and that of his father, Abram Lazarevitch.

Other crime reports made repeated use of the full names of a teacher, Noolisvitch Schein, and a lawyer named Finkelshtein. Normal Russian newspaper practice is to use only an initial and a surname, —Reuter.



Statue of former Argentine dictator Juan Peron and his late wife Eva are shown covered with soot prior to their removal from the roof of the still unfinished building of the "Eva Peron Social Aid Fund." Removal is by order of the new Argentine Government. The statues are seven metres high and each weighs 30 tons. They are the work of Italian sculptor Tommasi.—Express Photo.

Japan Will Strengthen Ties With Anti-Communist Nations

Tokyo, Dec. 1.

Japan's Diet will be convened today and the government is expected to outline a foreign policy of continued friendship with the West while pushing peace negotiations with Russia.

The Diet will meet at 11 a.m. as a two-party Parliament for the first time since the 1930's.

Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama and Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu—key officials in the new Conservative government—will speak on the government's domestic and foreign policies.

Mr. Shigemitsu is expected to emphasize that, waning of the "Geneva spirit" and increased tensions in the Middle East require Japan to strengthen its alliances with the anti-Communist world.

Unsolved Indemnity

But Mr. Shigemitsu also is expected to tell the Diet that the government wants to continue negotiations in London with Soviet Russia to complete Tokyo's final world war peace treaty.

The Foreign Minister probably will discuss the unsolved world war indemnity question with the Philippines and recommend an early settlement with Manila.

Mr. Hatoyama's new government, formed two weeks ago after two conservative parties merged, is not expected to introduce any radically new policies.

The Diet recessed 10 days ago, immediately after the conservative merger, and is being convened for a 16-day session.—United Press.

Oslo, Dec. 1.
For the first time in 20 years, a Conservative was elected Mayor of Oslo tonight.

The new Mayor, Mr. R. G. Fjotanger, beat the retiring Socialist Mayor, Brynjulf Bull, by 44 votes to 41, thanks to the support of the Liberal and Christian parties.—France-Press.

49 MORE DEAD IN SAVAGE PI STORMS

Manila, Dec. 1.
DELAYED reports from the southern Philippines, lashed for three days by two savage storms, revealed 49 more deaths and extensive damage to crops and property today.

A Philippines News Service dispatch from Iligan City in Mindanao Island said two boats in Lake Lanao capsized at the height of the storms and of the 80 passengers aboard only one survived.

The Lake Lanao disaster boosted the overall death toll to 85 dead and an undetermined number of missing, although the latest Daily Mirror tabulation said the twin storms caused "over 145 casualties."

But the PMS said last night a dispatch received by the Mirror from its correspondents yesterday saying 80 had drowned between Cebu and Bohol was "false." —United Press.

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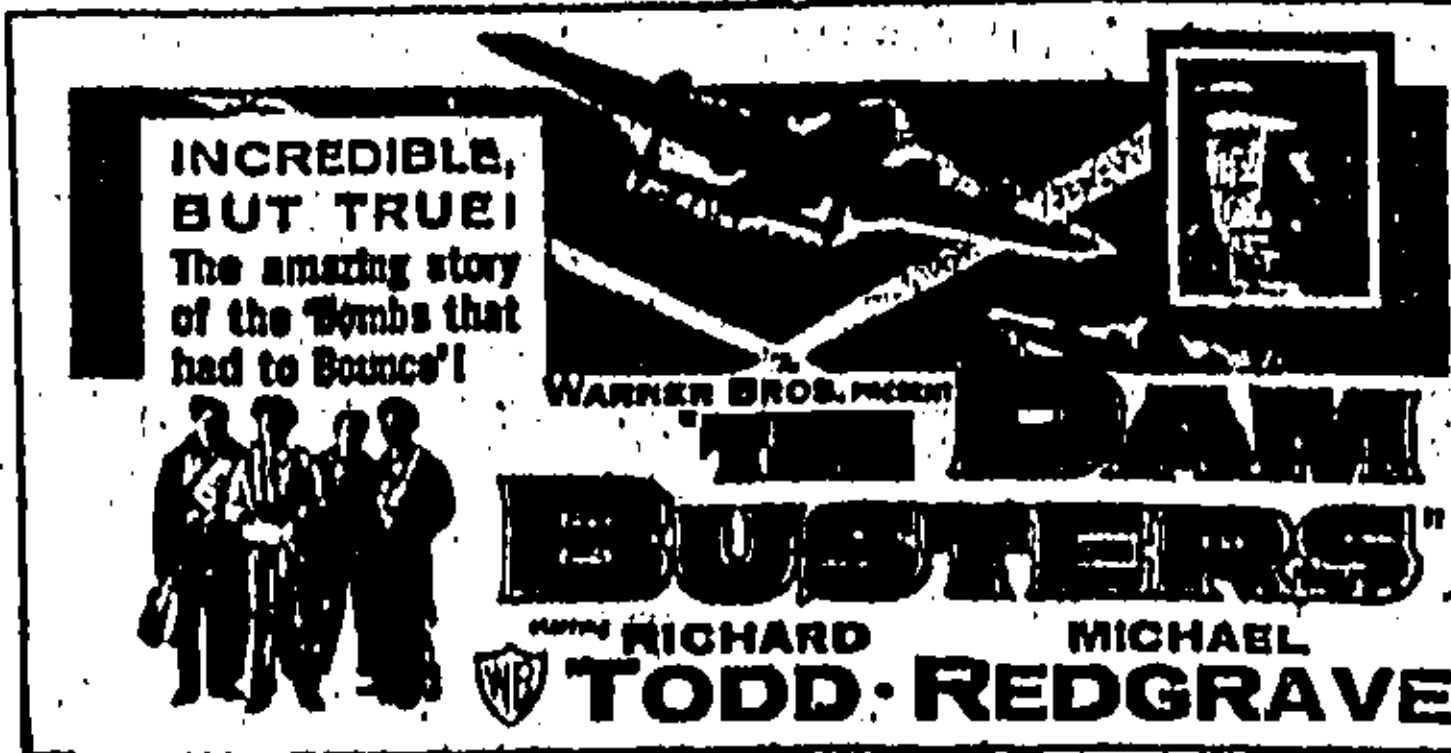
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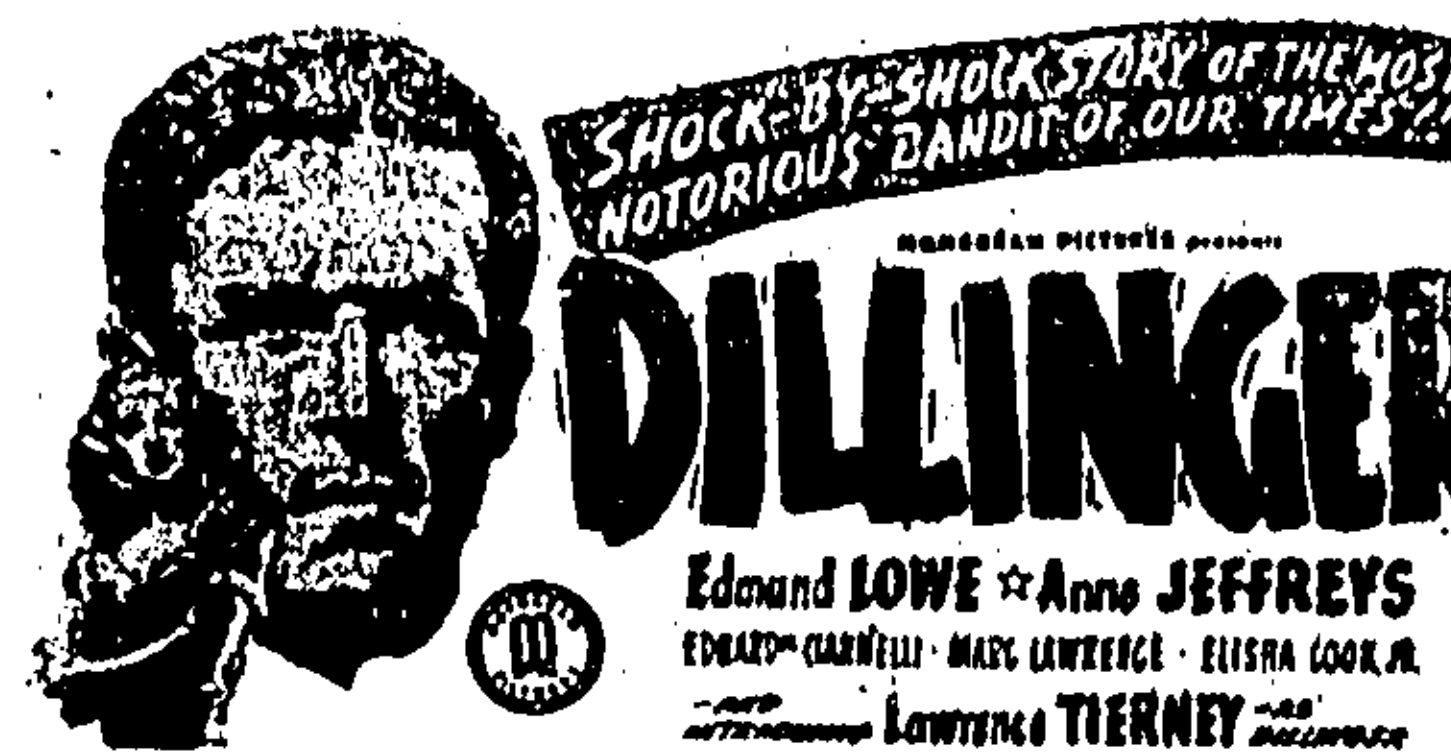
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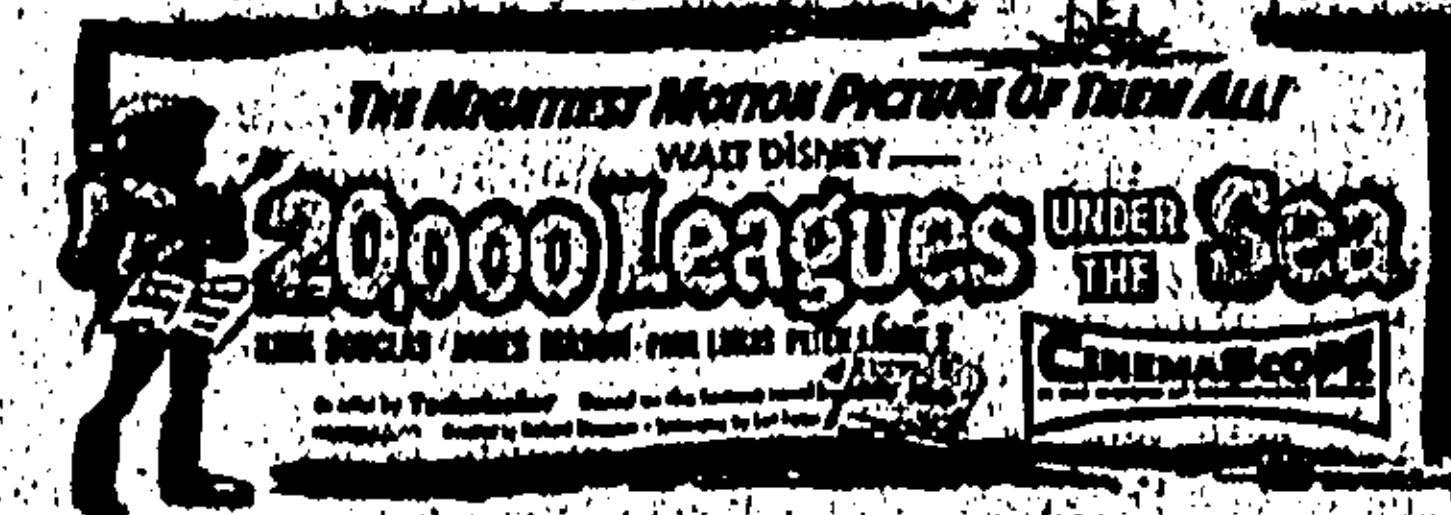
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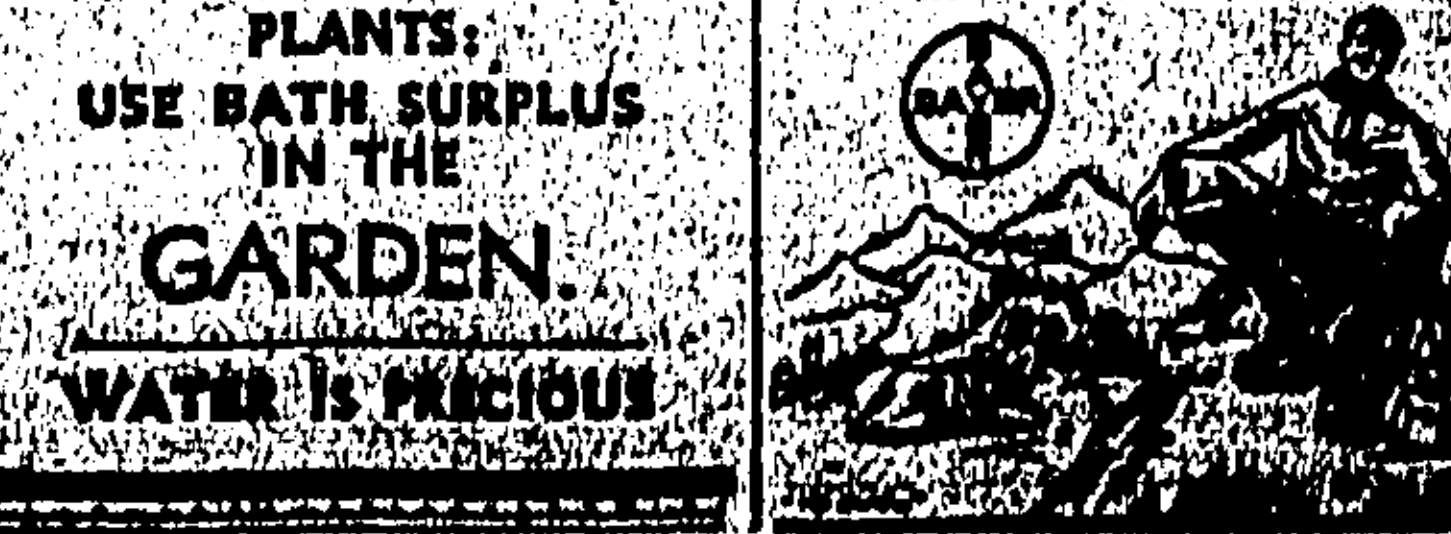
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STRENGTHENED NATO ANSWER TO RUSSIA'S ATTITUDE

—Richard Nixon

Washington, Dec. 1.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon believes that a strengthened North Atlantic Treaty Organisation is the answer to Russia's attitude at the recent Geneva conference.

"No effort should be spared" in increasing the West's European defences in view of Russia's tactics at the Big Four Foreign Ministers' meeting, Mr Nixon told the United Press in an exclusive interview.

A high diplomatic official said Mr Nixon's view reflects the official position of the Administration. The official said great importance is being attached to the next meeting of NATO officials on December 15, in Paris. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will attend the session.

Molotov Sees Hamlet

Moscow, Dec. 1. Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, and Mr Anastas Mikoyan, a First Deputy Prime Minister, today exchanged toasts in vodka and Caucasian wine with five British actors after watching them perform Hamlet in English.

They spent nearly two hours together after the play. Mr Molotov and Mr Mikoyan and other Soviet leaders paid a surprise visit to the Moscow theatre where the British Tonnent Company's Hamlet has been showing for the past week. — China Mail Special.

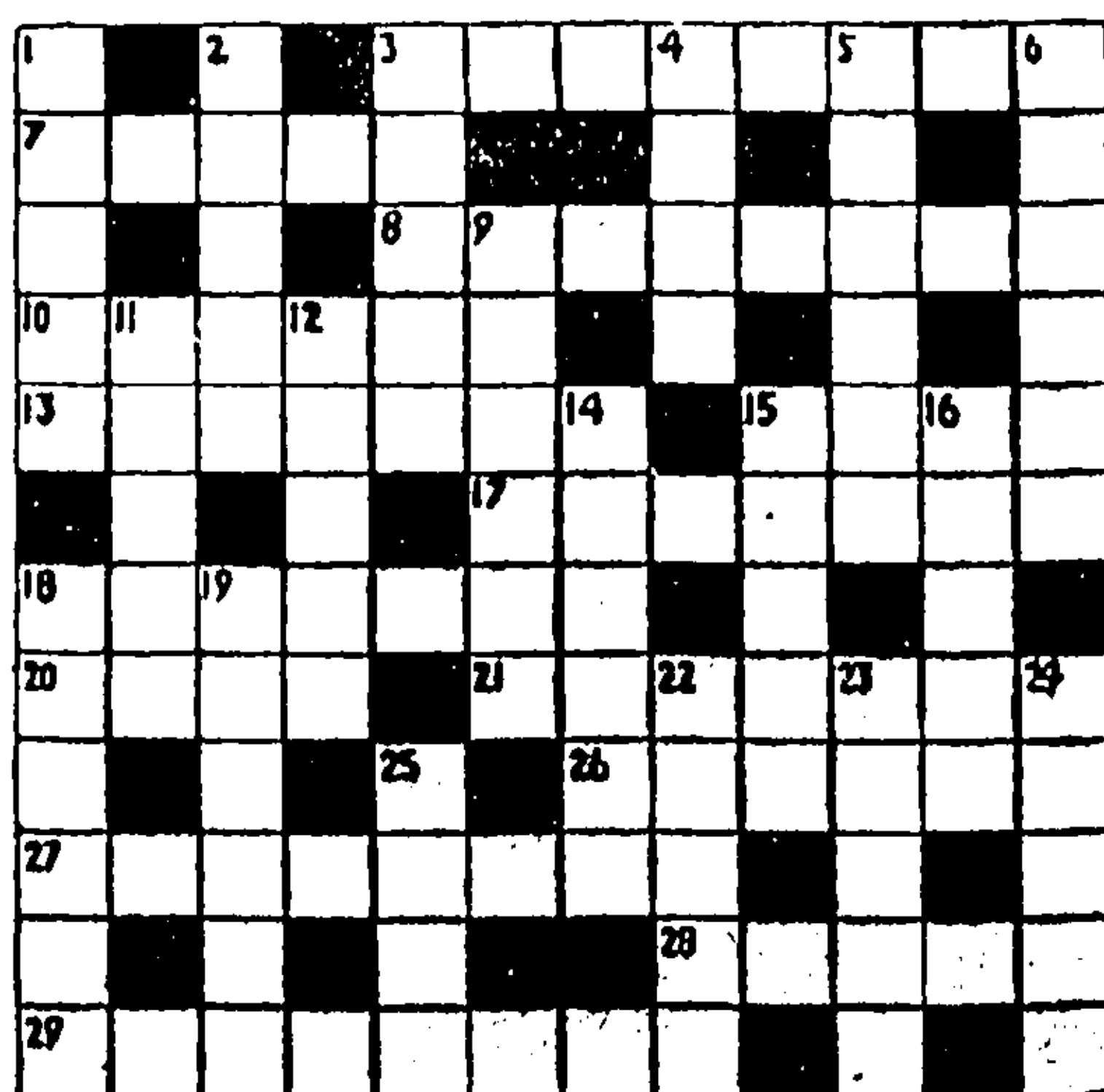
La Prensa Chief Returns From Political Exile

Buenos Aires, Dec. 1. Dr. Alberto Galimza Paz, Director of La Prensa, came home tonight after nearly five years as a political exile. He will take over the newspaper which was confiscated by the Peron dictatorship in 1951.

Provisional President Pedro E. Aramburu issued a decree-law yesterday ordering the world-famous newspaper returned to the Paz family and rescinding the 1951 Peron law under which La Prensa was seized.

Ten bureaux of former La Prensa employees went to Buenos Aires International Ezeiza Airport to welcome their chief. Prof. Alberto Guaranta, who led the local staff's long fight against the ousted dictator Juan Peron, greeted Galimza Paz in their name. — United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Savoury dish (8).
- 7 Flower (5).
- 8 Reviling (8).
- 10 Doctor (6).
- 13 Go before (7).
- 15 Crippled (4).
- 17 Came in (7).
- 18 Novelty (7).
- 20 Poems (4).
- 21 Containers for soup (7).
- 28 Enjoy (8).
- 29 Insult (8).
- 28 Subject (8).
- 29 Makes bigger (8).

DOWN

- 1 Part of a wicket (5).
- 2 Dodge (5).
- 3 Room (5).
- 4 Of sound mind (4).
- 5 Stringed instrument (8).
- 6 Dropped (5).
- 9 Demure (5).
- 11 Went astray (5).
- 12 Sacred figures (5).
- 14 Make certain of (6).
- 15 Horizontal (5).
- 16 Intends (5).
- 18 Observe (6).
- 19 Repose (5).
- 22 Kind of duck (5).
- 24 Perpendicular (6).
- 25 Rank (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Forces, 5 Dunes, 8 Doves, 9 Apple, 10 Final, 11 Ugly, 13 Cases, 16 Deeds, 18 Tense, 20 Stern, 22 Blot, 23 Opium, 24 Abide, 26 Ritual, 27 Iced, 28 Grass, 29 Defiant. Down: 1 Features, 2 Escalade, 3 East, 4 Solace, 5 Defect, 6 Unites, 7 Claws, 14 Attitude, 15 Expelled, 16 Dangers, 17 Revered, 19 Erodes, 21 Tubers, 24 Side.

United Nations At The Crossroads

United Nations, Dec. 1.

EGYPT called on the United Nations today to rise above political differences and admit 18 new members in the interests of world peace.

The Egyptian Minister, Abdel Meguid Ramadan, told the UN Special Political Committee during the opening debate on membership.

"We are now at the crossroads. World opinion calls for a solution. The hour of supreme decision has come. The spirit and letter of the Charter of the United Nations would be enlightened by the admission of these 18 new members."

"The prestige of our organisation would be strengthened and the sphere of its action widened if higher justice succeeds in removing the obstacles."

More Effective

"The work of international co-operation would be more effective if we were to give to the world, which is awaiting war decision, the salutary example of what men of good-will can do when they know how to use above their differences in the interests of world peace."

Egypt served with Peru and the Netherlands on the UN Committee of Good Offices, which has tried for two years to reconcile East-West differences on membership.

"We used the zeal of apostles," he declared, "and no obstacle and no difficulty was allowed to dampen our faith or our enthusiasm."

While the Committee refrained from making any distinction between the 18 applicants, Mr Ramadan said, "I would like to mention particularly Libya and Jordan, which are joined to us by many affinities and by links of heart, culture and common traditions. Furthermore, these nations have fully and nobly carried out their international obligations." — United Press.

Ike Will Help GOP To Put Their Case

Chicago, Dec. 1.

President Eisenhower said in a telegram to the Republican National Committee today that he would "do everything in my power next year to help you report the Republican record accurately and fully to the country."

President Eisenhower's telegram was sent to the Committee while it was meeting here to prepare the next National Convention of the Party, which will be held in San Francisco next August 20.

Certain Republican leaders considered the Eisenhower telegram to mean that the President would aid Republican candidates in their campaigns, whether or not he decides to be a candidate himself.

In his telegram, President Eisenhower said: "You have a splendid record to submit to the voters in 1956. I personally am proud of Republican achievements for the peace and the prosperity and the security of the American people. I shall do everything in my power next year to help you report the record accurately and fully to the country." — France-Press.

ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Salisbury, Dec. 1.

A road safety organisation has opened a campaign in Southern Rhodesia in an attempt to cut the mounting toll of road accidents, which killed 188 people in the first nine months of 1955.

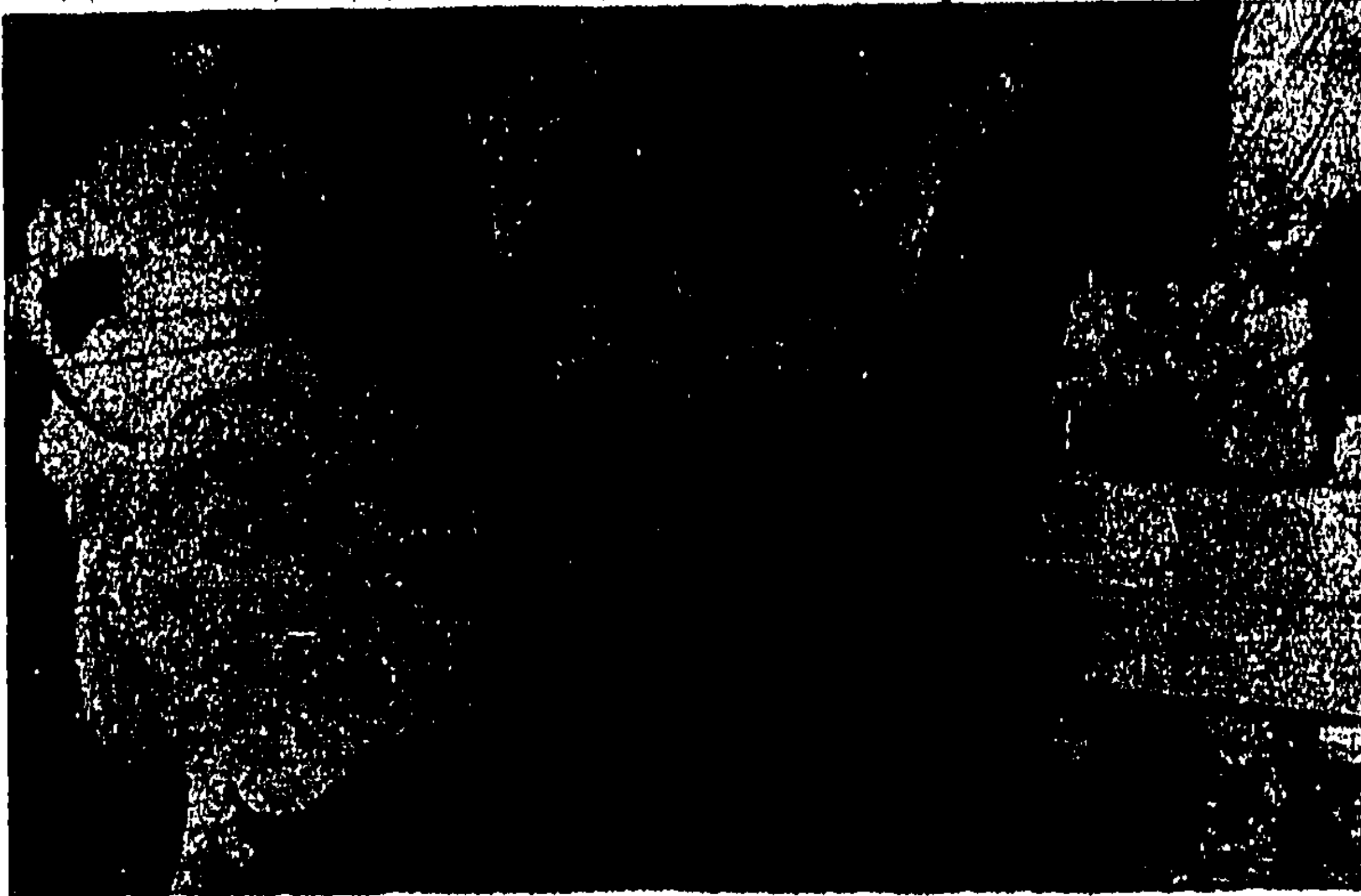
The Government is supporting the campaign, under which it is proposed to promote road safety activity in every town in Southern Rhodesia. — China Mail Special.

NEW TOWN

Hyderabad, Dec. 1.

The Government has completed plans to build a new town of Thatta at Makh Hills, lower Sind, to which many thousands of people fled when India flooded the area. The old town is August.

The new town will have a population of about 40,000. — China Mail Special.



Dancers at the Ledra Palace Hotel, Nicosia, wade through the flooded ballroom following a terrorist bomb explosion. The bombing occurred a few hours after the island's Governor, Field-Marshal Sir John Harding, had declared a state of emergency on the island. Five persons were wounded in the explosion. The bomb went off near a table reserved for the Governor, but he was not there. A radiator was shattered by the blast, flooding the ballroom. Later a second bomb was discovered there. — Express Photo.

Kefauver Attacks

Aid Cut Back

Oklahoma City, Dec. 1.

Senator Estes Kefauver today criticised the Eisenhower Administration for cutting back US economic aid to Southeast Asia and elsewhere.

In contrast, he said, Russia is preparing a new economic and political offensive.

"It will be no wonder that when the Democrats return to



Sen. Kefauver

power in the White House in 1956 that a sigh of relief will rise from the Foreign Offices of every friendly nation in the world." he said.

In a speech prepared for the National Convention of Young Democrats he said the Eisenhower Administration's "grave mistakes" in foreign policy during the 1955 US political campaign.

"We will point to the lack of imagination, the lack of resourcefulness, in meeting new conditions in world affairs," he said. "We will point to the bumbling, the vagueness, the indecision and in many cases the sterile inflexibility which has come to characterise the conduct of our foreign affairs." — United Press.

'Legalised Highway Robbery'

Bloomfontein, Dec. 1.

Motorists boycotted parking meters when they were installed in Bloomfontein—the first time they have been tried out in South Africa.

In Mallard Street, where parking space used to be almost unobtainable, at rush hours hardly a parked car can be seen even at busy times of the day.

One city councillor, Mr Eric Rosendorff, attacked the sixpence-per-half-hour parking charges as "a form of highway robbery." — United Press.

BALLROOM BOMBED

Indian Soil Not Fertile For Lenin's Cult

New Delhi, Dec. 1.

Mr Shriman Narayan, Secretary of the ruling Congress Party said today: "There can be no compromise between the ideologies of Lenin and Gandhi."

He quoted Gandhi as saying "it is my implicit faith that India will not be able to imbibe communism and that Lenin's cult will not take root in this soil."

Mr Narayan's views appearing in today's issue of the party organ Economic Review was the first official comment by the Congress party on the visit to India of Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet leaders.

Mr Narayan said Marshal Bulganin stated in Bombay that Lenin and Gandhi had "many points in common" and had taught people to free their country and build up independence.

Mr Narayan replied: "Needless to mention there is a fundamental difference between the philosophies of Lenin and Gandhi."

"Mahatma Gandhi, in accordance with ancient traditions of India, firmly believed that means were as important as ends and that wrong and impure means polluted the nobility and purity of the end itself."

Gandhi had insisted on truth and non-violence during the Indian struggle for political freedom, Mr Narayan said.

Mr Narayan said that Gandhi "always advised us to follow the same moral principles for the achievement of social and economic freedom." He added: "Marx and Lenin followed a very different path. There can be no compromise between the ideologies of Lenin and Gandhi."

India had no intention of interfering with the ideologies of other countries nor could it afford to allow any other country to interfere with the Indian way of life.

"We sincerely believe in the philosophy of 'live and let live' or 'co-existence,'" Mr Narayan said.

A joint declaration, signed when Mr Nehru the Indian Prime Minister visited Moscow had made it very clear that India and Russia would not interfere in each other's internal matters. — Reuters.

Bonn, Dec. 1.

The West German Defence Ministry today named a fourth general to the budding West German army.

He is General von Radowitz, who will direct the Ministry's recruiting services. — France-Press.

US Must Continue Race For Better Weapons

New York, Dec. 1.

Presidential assistant Sherman Adams declared here tonight that the United States must continue to keep forging ahead in the race for intercontinental missiles and more modern and powerful atomic weapons.

Mr Adams made his speech, following a meeting earlier today of the US National Security Council, under the chairmanship of President Eisenhower, at Camp David, Maryland, some 25 miles from Mr Eisenhower's farm at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Informed circles considered today's meeting of the National Security Council as an important one in the setting up of the American foreign and military policy for 1956.

These circles indicated that President Eisenhower may now plan to ask Congress for a larger military budget than the present military allocation of \$4 billion dollars.

Eisenhower had lived through during the Second World War.

This explains why Mr Eisenhower "has considered peace the great goal of all his efforts since he was elected," Mr Adams said.

And this explains why all of his efforts will continue to be dedicated to peace, Mr Adams concluded. — France-Press.

Must Still Arm

Mr Adams said in his speech tonight that while the United States continues to seek better conditions for peace, the disappointment of the recent Geneva Big Four foreign ministers' conference has shown that the United States must still arm herself.

Mr Adams said that the heart attack that President Eisenhower suffered several months ago was the result of the years of anxiety that Mr

PRINCESS' WARDROBE SOLD FOR A SONG

Alexandria, Dec. 1.

Stacks of smart dresses, furs, bathing costumes and stockings confiscated "for the benefit of the people" from ex-Princess Faiza, one of exiled King Farouk's four sisters, fetched barely \$1,100 at an auction here.

A series of splendid furs went for \$1,000. The Princess' 16 bathing costumes were sold at \$1 each, although some of them originally cost ten times as much.

Snapped Up

Sixty-six pairs of sheep nylon stockings were snapped up by women crowding the sale for between ten shillings and five shillings each. Blouses and shirts fell to the hammer for \$1 and ten shillings respectively.

An official reported that one American woman bought a formal evening gown for \$1.

Most of the Princess' evening gowns of the former Princess, however, found no buyers. She is unusually tall and in the words of the official, "the women who attended the sale were not the right size."

Princess Faiza, now in her early thirties, is the prettiest of the former King Farouk's four sisters. She is a well-known actress and has been married three times. Her first husband was the King of Egypt, who died in 1935. She has lived with her second husband, Prince Ibrahim, since 1941. — United Press.

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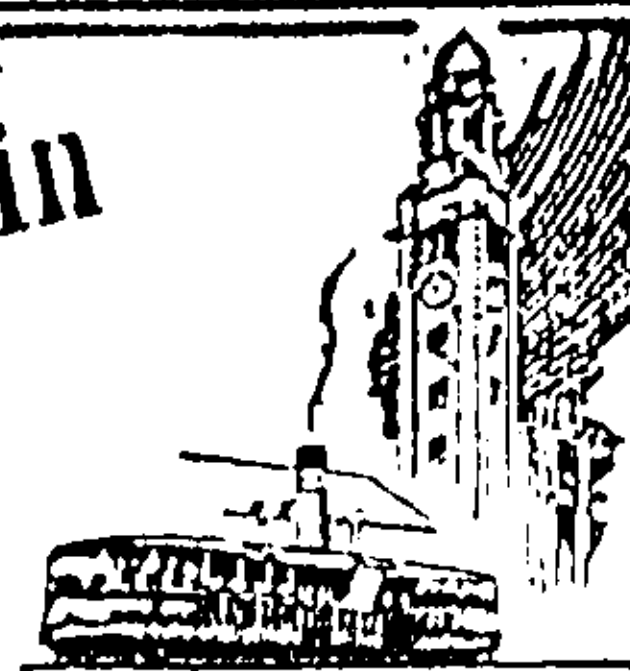
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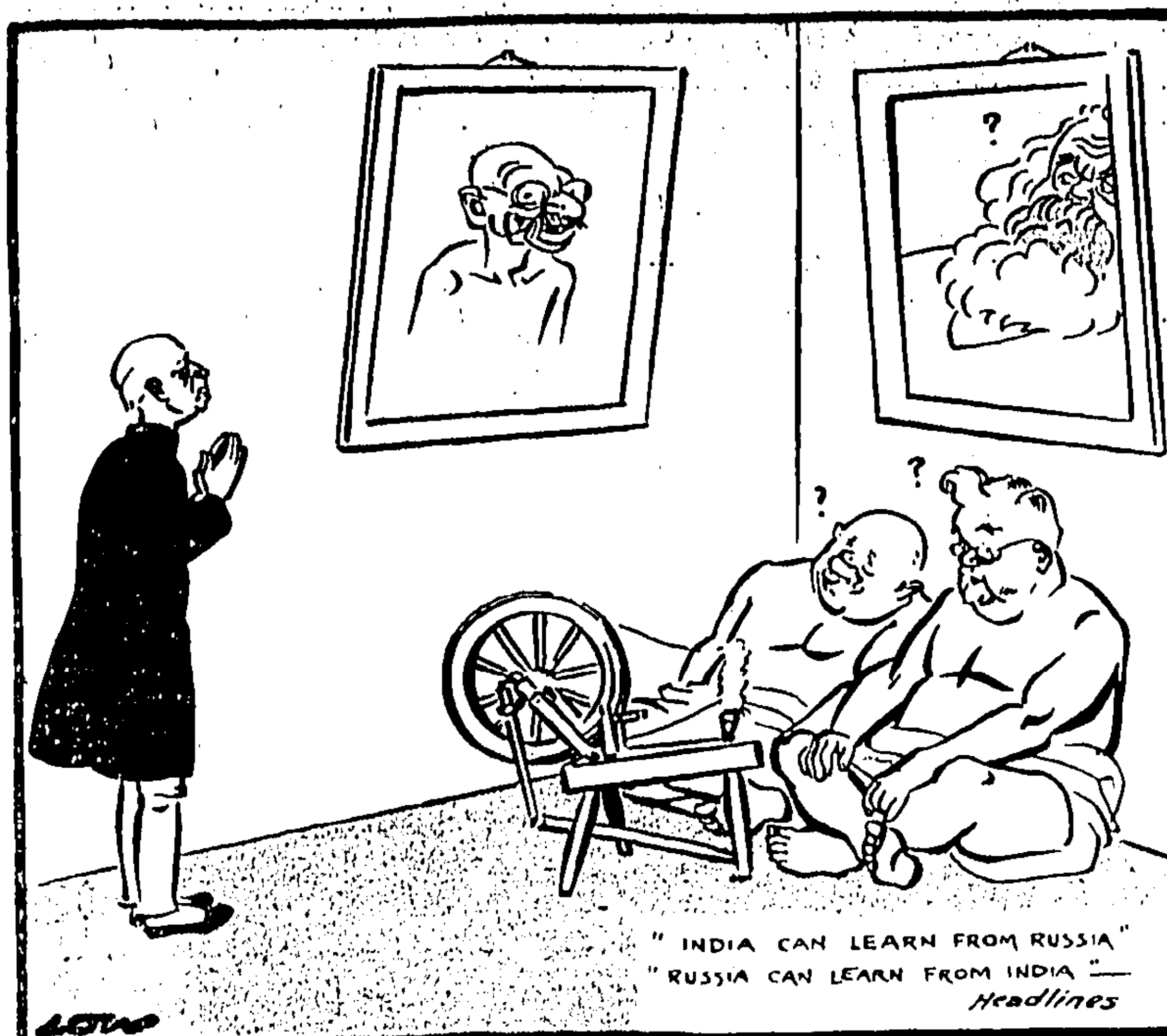
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MUTUAL STUDY

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"I Never Said It," says **BEN HECHT**

HIS NAME WAS MUD IN BRITAIN

By **RENE MacCOLL**

BEN HECHT said that he never said it.

Mr Hecht was telling me earnestly about the phrase which was attributed to him back in 1946, which caused a furore all over the world—but especially in Britain—and which has ever since dogged his name as a brief phrase has rarely dogged any man's name.

For in 1946, when British troops in Palestine were becoming the almost daily victims of terrorism, murder included, Hecht was alleged to have said that every time he heard that another British soldier had been killed, "he lit a little flame of the everlasting in his heart."

Overnight the former newspaper reporter who broke into the big money with his co-authorship of the classic newspaper play about Chicago, "The Front Page," and who had followed it with a long string of big successes ("Crime Without Pity," "The Second Step," "Nothing Sacred," and the screen version of Coward's "Design for Living") became a figure to hate.

Worn Out

NOW he has arrived in England—for his first visit since 1918.

As we sat together on the sofa in the suite of that little hotel off Mount Street, Mayfair, which Hollywood has made almost its own of late, Hecht confessed that he was worn out because he had not been able to sleep for the last two nights at sea.

Why not?
"I got so excited—thought I was young again, I guess." But to the big question: "Why did you say it, Mr Hecht? Do you expect us to forgive you?" Hecht turned to me gravely. His manner is charming, his voice low, almost diffident.

"What I actually said was this: 'There are certain Jews of whom I am one who feel a sense of excitement and triumph whenever we read of Jewish victories in Palestine or when British forts and posts are toppled.' That's what I said."

Felt Sorry

"BUT how in the world did the statement get so twisted?" I demanded. "Because I was in hospital at the time I made it. I was doing some 'copy' for a 3,000-word advertisement for the Argon Zvai Leumi (the Jewish terrorist group). I swear that no such phrase was in the 'copy' I wrote, but—well, we had some firebrands in our organization and they must have put it in."

Hecht sighed. His blue eyes looked weary. He crossed his legs. His brown suede shoes looked scuffed.

He went on: "I've always felt sorry that 'the other side' in our final struggle for independence had to be the British. You were the first and only high-class enemy we have ever fought."

The consequent ban on Hecht's films in Britain had very tangible results, it seems. "In Hollywood they screamed with terror at the thought of losing the British market as a result of me and what I'd said. 'I figure I dropped 80 per cent of my income for four or five years in a row. I had to start writing for magazines.' I gazed at him in astonishment. "But knowing that it was all wrong, that you were the object of scorn and hatred because of what the world thought you had said, and all the time facing this serious loss of income, why in the world didn't you speak out sooner?"

His lips sagged into a smile. He passed a hand over his thin, slightly bald head.

"Well, you see, I don't believe in deploring. If a thing's done,

it's done—and you can deny it all you're blue in the face, and it often doesn't help much. I never want to correct people. "But," I asked, "you are correcting now because—?"

"Because now I'm in England. I don't mind trying to correct the record."

Too Busy

WE passed to other things. Why had he never left the United States even once since the 1914 war ended?

"Too busy. But now I've done so at last I shall probably stay away for a year or so." Hecht is a pessimist about "nothing except politics and politicians. I love everything else that men do."

His next book will concern itself with "the disappearance

Was Curzon Born 100 Years Late?

He became one of the great 'characters' of English politics. Was it because, in a strange way, he was a throwback to the 18th or early 19th century?

By **Robert Blake**

LORD CURZON died only 80 years ago. Yet the world in which he lived, and which his American-born widow, the second Lady Curzon, so vividly and felicitously describes, seem to us in the sedate egalitarian 1950's as remote as the world of Disraeli or of Charles James Fox.

What has caused this change? The orthodox replies are: Death duties, curfew, servant-shortage, etc., etc.... No doubt all these

are important factors, but it is a fallacy to suppose that the British aristocracy has suddenly declined into poverty.

Some of its members are still fabulously rich, and those who rub their eyes at the spectacle of Curzon owning six immense houses, and living in four of them, should not forget that at least one duke does the same today.

The causes of change are less superficial—a revolution in attitude and outlook, rather than in economic circumstances.

Runner-up

It is possible to imagine someone living today (and reasonably young) holding Curzon's sublimely haughty opinions and enunciating them with vigour from an armchair in, say, White's Club. It is not possible to imagine such a person as runner-up to the greatest officer which English public life can offer.

Curzon is perhaps the last great political figure who has taken for granted an order of society—crumbling even in his day—which had prevailed without substantial change since the 18th century. He could thus afford to concentrate his formidable intellectual powers exclusively upon imperial and foreign affairs—a feat which even Sir Winston Churchill, despite every effort, could not entirely rival.

To the past

Indeed, in many ways Curzon appears as a throwback to the late 18th or early 19th century. In some strange manner he seems to have bypassed the late Victorian era of the stiff upper lip, public school reticence, social conscience, and propriety of demeanour.

When Curzon was frustrated he wept like a child. When he was triumphant, he frankly gloated. All his life he spoke in the ornate style of Chatham or Burke, but he never lost a marked provincial accent.

The glittering rewards of honours and titles gave him unquenched pleasure.

"I send you a lot of newspaper cuttings about my supposed elevation to a Dukedom," he writes to Lady Curzon. "But I do not suppose there is any more truth in it than in previous occasions. After all, what does it matter?"

But, as Lady Curzon observes later, he did not mean what he said. "Everything mattered to George."

Careful check

His attention to detail certainly bears out this judgment. He invariably kept the most meticulous check on his housekeeping accounts. He regularly inspected the cupboards in which at his insistence there

were annually stored vast quantities of jam and marmalade.

Long after his death Lady Curzon encountered a slightly macabre memento of his careful forethought, when she discovered on an empty space in one of the shelves of the vault at Kedleston a postcard in her husband's handwriting: "Reserved for the second Lady Curzon."

Curzon personally engaged all servants down to the very humblest, and his requirements were exacting. "Is—a fit domestic for employment in the house of a nobleman?" he is reputed to have inquired, and Lady Curzon describes the searching inspection to which he subjected potential footmen.

Had his trousers

Alas, all this trouble was sometimes ill-requited.

There was the sad case of one of Curzon's valets who, on being dismissed—for dancing drunk with the guests on a gala night at the Hotel Rivega Hotel in Lausanne—reported by hiding all Curzon's trousers.

One of Lady Curzon's maids was so callous as to contract an illness on board ship, necessitating a serious operation, the cost of which—Curzon's diary—proved not to be covered by any of his insurance policies.

Lady Curzon throws relatively little light upon her husband's political life, although some of his letters printed toward the end of the book will have their value for anyone who wishes to chronicle the story of Baldwin's first Government in 1923.

She is more illuminating on their social life, which resembled that of Royalty rather than of any private individual. She makes a revealing remark when she describes how she looked forward to the Lord Mayor's Banquet—one of the rare occasions in their busy lives when she and her husband actually sat next to each other at dinner.

Legendary man

But the real fascination of Lady Curzon's book lies in the personality of Curzon.

However maddening, arrogant and tiresome he may have been at times, Curzon must go down to posterity as one of the great "characters" of English history.

Like the Duke of Wellington, like Sir Winston Churchill—personalities whom he resembled in no other respect—he was one of those legendary figures about whom an endless number of stories have been, and will be told, some true, many apocryphal, but nearly all good.

With such a theme Lady Curzon could not be dull, and in fact she has written a fascinating, lively and most enjoyable book.

It's 29 years since Alfred married her . . . and they have never had an argument

Mrs. Hitchcock bans suspense

by **ANNE SHARPLEY**

"HITCH, have we ever had an argument?" Hitch trundled slowly into view and stood in the doorway, vast and immovable as a Buddha in a niche. "No," he said, lugubriously, his pendulous lower lip dropping another inch. "And it's been 29 years as the crow flies."

His wife chuckled, or perhaps it was really a giggle. "We never argue because I always give in," he said, assuming a grooved, beast-of-burden air, moving across the threshold at last and giving me a quick look.

Mrs Hitchcock gurgled again. "It's my generosity of nature," continued Hitch, retreating the inch of his white-spotted blue dressing-gown, that gave his corner of the room the look of a blitzed night.

"What's the point in arguing? It's not constructive. My advice is don't waste your energy on inconsequential things. It's the more serious things," he said, rolling out of the room again with the swiftness of a

bowling ball stealing over a bowling green.

"Well, now, how do you really manage it?" I asked Mrs Hitchcock, the only wife of Alfred Hitchcock. I might add, in a Hollywood-world where marriage habits amount to polygamy whatever they might call it.

"We just happen to get on," she said simply. "We have the same interests, films, of course. But the secret is his wonderful temperament. He has never changed over the years. He is wonderfully placid. I am placid, too." (I was wondering when Mrs Hitchcock's contribution was going to be mentioned.)

Mutual placidity is the formula, it seems. No more? Certainly.

NO SURPRISE

"We always visualize things exactly the same. When I see his films they are no surprise to me because we always interpret things the same way."

This is not simply because she has got to know his methods of working so well, she explained, and to prove her point added:

"You know I was a screen writer when I met Hitch? Well, I wrote scripts for other directors besides him, and he was the only one who interpreted the film in the way I visualised it. Now, when he is talking about a film story, I know I am automatically visualising what he is talking about in the same way as he is."

"Anything else?" "Well, I don't know whether I really believe in astrology," she continued, "but the fact is that we've both—the same way, we were born within a day

of one another, the 13th and 14th August. That makes us both Leo subjects."

They were married in 1926 at Brompton Oratory. She was Nottingham-born Alma Reville, he a London fish-merchant's son, and already a famous director.

Now the good companions have two small houses, one in Hollywood and the other in Northern California, seven hours' swift driving at 70 m.p.h. Chauffeured by Mrs Hitchcock. "It's the equivalent of from London to Glasgow, but I do it every week-end," she says.

They have no swimming pool. "Neither of us swim" and life is very, very quiet, especially since their daughter Pat married.

Each evening Hitch returns for a home-cooked meal (he is on a perpetual diet which his wife shares: the results show better in her figure than his). Then he talks about the day's filming—"just to get it off his chest."

SHARP BRAIN

A pleasant, simplified life, not the sort of thing one would expect from a master of suspense.

But what a master of suspense needs most, it seems, is a relaxed background.

Alma Hitchcock combines a Pekinese charm, a sharp brain and a determination never to ruffle her lord.

Why, her four-feet 11 inches even make him look tall. What more could a man ask? "Five feet eight," I asked. "As the crow flies," she replied. "Hitch is as he rolled, back into the room, still wearing his dressing-gown."

"Cornflakes taste so much better with brown sugar on, Mummy"



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JACK WOOD introduces the
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The greatest footballing character of them all has told his story. It is a story of triumph and tragedy, written against the background of a hospital ward in North London. It is the story of London's own Jimmy Dimmock.

Dimmock is as old as the century. Before he was 22 he had won the game's greatest honours with Spurs and England. Before he was 32 he had retired "with nearly £3,500 in the bank."

Not long after words to be heard in the hospital ward, the footballer who had been a star of the game for years, was lying in bed, looking back over his life. He was Jimmy Dimmock, the greatest of the game's characters. He had been a star of the game for years, and he was now a patient in a hospital ward.

There are no jokes, no puns, no clever remarks. Dimmock is a simple man, a simple footballer. He has lived his life among his own people and he would not have had it any other way.

To Sports fans of the twentieth century, the story of Jimmy Dimmock is a story of triumph and tragedy. It is the story of a man who has lived his life among his own people and he would not have had it any other way.

STARS HIS FRIENDS

He faced the bright lights and the great crowds. Jimmy Dimmock was a star of the game. He had been a star of the game for years, and he was now a patient in a hospital ward.

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The club's left-winger at the time was Jack Chippendale, for whom they had paid Arsenal £1,000, a big fee those days. But, costly as he was, Chippendale could not resist the challenge of the 19-year-old Dimmock for long.

In his first season, 1919-1920, Dimmock helped Spurs into the First Division. A year later he scored the goal to which he will always be remembered. A four-year shot that gave Spurs the FA Cup. Next season the club finished second in the First Division.

Dimmock won three England caps, the first against Scotland in the year of that Cup triumph, the others against Wales and Belgium in 1926.

PREJUDICE

But the competition among the players in those days was fierce. There was also prejudice against a player who was a foreigner. Dimmock was a foreigner, and he was a player who was a foreigner.

Says Jimmy: "I know that I was stopped going on the FA



JIMMY DIMMOCK

Jimmy Dimmock was a man I had to meet. I never saw him play, for he had come and gone, his light too bright to shine for long, during the few short years I was growing up into my first pair of football boots.

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"What d'yer know, boy," he asked. "In the old days I often had a hundred on a good thing. Now it is a couple of bob each way sometimes, but not often."

Jimmy, like so many, has learned the hard way that there are no good things. Football and business were never good to him. I never was cut out for that business, he told me.

Just before the last war he had a jelled eel shop outside an hotel near the Spurs ground. This was his first mistake. He had a jelled eel shop outside an hotel near the Spurs ground. This was his first mistake.

Follow the Dimmock story in next Friday's "China Mail."

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"His accuracy from corner kicks was uncanny. We had a prearranged signal when I wanted the ball from a corner and after I had given it the ball inevitably came to the right spot."

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OVER THE HURDLES



Bob Mathias demonstrates the High Hurdles at the New Territories' Schools' Sports at Boundary Street yesterday. Hurdling with him is former Colony record-holder Chang Yat-hung.—China Mail Photo.

England's Best Rugby Talent Face First Trial Tomorrow

By ROY McKELVIE

The England Rugby Union selectors mean business. For the first of three international trials, to be played at Gosforth tomorrow, they have picked the best available talent. They call the sides Whites and Colours. The labels could easily be England and The Rest.

I commented a fortnight ago that the selectors' job would be easier if they had only Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Middlesex to choose from. Of the 30 players named for this trial 19 come from these three counties—ten from Middlesex, five from Lancashire, and four from Yorkshire.

Choice of one Middlesex representative has created some surprise.

David Murphy, a St Mary's Hospital medical student in his last year, and a front row forward, played for Middlesex in the County Championship final two seasons ago. Since then he has lost his county place to his hospital colleague, M. J. O. Massey.

NO CONFUSION

Massey, leader of the St Mary's pack, also beat Murphy to a blue at Cambridge.

Both are fair-haired. I hope the selectors are certain they have the right man, remembering last season's confusion of the two Blands, David and Douglas.

This is the first time since the war that the selectors have gone out to produce two top-top teams for the first trial. In previous years they have given places to several notable County players on the grace-and-favour basis.

The answer is that England, at the moment, is full of talent, and most of the established players—ten in the trial played for England against Scotland last season—are in form.

R. C. Bazley is the only England player dropped and he, like G. P. Vaughan, a front row forward, P. B. Jackson, Coventry wing, and V. H. Leadbetter, Newport pack leader, must be considered unlikely.

D. St. G. Hazell, last year's England prop forward, is sick. There should be chances for some of these and for players from Oxford and Cambridge, in the second trial.

There will be disappointment in Coventry, and probably other parts of the Midlands, at their lack of players in this trial. But it is as much as Coventry's full-back as a representative of Northumberland, that D. Fenwick Allison has won his trial.

Allison admits he has learnt much about full-back play under Chick Henderson's captaincy at Coventry.

Rightly, Douglas Baker and Johnny Williams have been chosen as the halves in front of what looks like a very fast England three-quarter line—F. D. Sykes, J. F. Butterfield, W. P. C. Davies, and J. Roberts.

Of these six only Roberts, so fast but rather slight, was not a member of the British Isles touring team. The pack in front of them is largely Middlesex.

As first choice hooker, N. A. Labuschagne would, I think, have liked Vaughan as a prop. G. P. Bendon, one of four Wasps in the trial, is a big, lively customer, but he is stepping up into high class.

Martin Regan and Dicky Jepps are the halves in the second side, who look slower behind but tougher forward.

From the players' point of view, this trial can be no joyride, since the competition is keen. For the spectators, critics, and selectors, it could hardly be bettered in prospect.

TRIAL TEAMS

WHITES.—O. Grievson (Headingley); F. D. Sykes (Northampton); J. Butterfield (Northampton, capt.); W. P. C. Davies (Harlequins); J. Roberts (Old Millhills); D. G. S. Baker (Old Millhills); J. E. Williams (Old Millhills); G. W. Hastings (Gloucester); N. A. Labuschagne (Guy's Hosp.); G. F. Bendon (Wasps); P. D. Young (Dublin Wanderers); F. G. Yarranton (Wasps); P. H. Rynn (Richmond); I. D. S. Bear (Harlequins); R. E. Syrett (Wasps).

COLOURS.—D. F. Allison (Coventry); J. E. Woodward (Wasps); L. B. Cannell (St Mary's Hosp.); J. P. Quinn (New Brighton); P. H. Thompson (Headingley); M. Rogers (Liverpool); E. E. G. Jepps (Northampton); D. L. Sanders (Harlequins); E. Evans (Sale, capt.); D. H. Murphy (St Mary's Hosp.); W. Hosker (Birkenhead Park); H. J. Foster (Waterloo); J. W. Collard (Weston-super-Mare); A. Ashcroft (Waterloo); T. Bleasdale (Leicester).

"Ati Shield" Match Tomorrow

The following have been selected to represent Cragin-gower Cricket Club in the "Ati Shield" match to be played at the Filipino Club tomorrow, commencing at 2.30 p.m.:

S. Y. Doe, J. A. Fox, M. J. Diver, N. P. Karanjia (skip); A. Mitchell, S. R. Solina, M. Q. Wong, F. O. Madar (skip); D. A. Nelson, A. E. H. Castro, F. Lee, B. W. Bradbury (skip); A. Ferreira, E. A. V. Resnados, R. K. Pavri, C. R. Rosset (skip); F. K. Modi, W. C. Young, K. Sung, J. E. Landolt (skip); W. M. Sousa, V. H. Oliveira, R. Tay, G. Madar (skip).

Oriental Boxing Federation Admits South Korea

Manila, Dec. 2. The Oriental Boxing Federation today opened a three-day convention here and admitted South Korea to membership.

Charter members are the Philippines, Japan and Thailand. Also approved are two boxing rules adopted from the regulations of the World Boxing Union of which the Federation is a member—recognition of a draw decision in Oriental Championship contests and adoption of a four-point system for scoring points.

Attending this conference are Manuel Nieto for the Philippines, Kakai Kikuchi for Japan, Park Soom-Chul for Korea and Chalmers Choo Sakul for Thailand.

The convention is resuming discussion of other boxing rules today.—Reuter.

ENTRIES FOR THE THIRD RACE MEETING

Entries for the Hongkong Jockey Club's Third Race Meeting of the 1955/56 season, with handicap weights, are as follows:

FIRST DAY
Race 1—Notting Hill H'cap (Novices) Class 7. From 2 M. Post.—Brivator (152), Colla (130), Conqueror (150), Crown Wiltner (150), Desert Gold (142), Fortuna (140), Henrietta (135), Pearl Diver (140), Strathpeffer (154), Vagabond King (145).
Race 2—Middle Spur Plate. Class C. 1 Mile.—Brantone (140), C'est Si Bon (146), Curtsey (140), Full-of-Spirit (140), Gay Sire (140), Grass-Hopper (140), Simpatica (143), Sky Is Limit (140), Spanish Fan (140), Tamerlane (150), Tell-me-some (140), Turf Heroine (140), Unicorn (140), Volcano (140).
Race 3—Bridge Hill H'cap. (1st Sec.) Class 5. 1 Mile.—Attractive Power (130), Blue Bird (130), Fel Chai (148), Fleeting Mornet (130), Fox Hunter (147), Free Kick (150), High Noon (150), Marine Charger (135), Mincola (150), Oceanic Sky (151), Outsider (152), Ringway (140), Silver Dahlia (140), Straight Flush (150), The Stranger (137), United Victory (148).
Race 4—Black Hill H'cap. Class 7. From 1½ M. Post.—Atomic Caesar (149), Blossom Time (145), Dreadnought (149), Dutch Courage (152), Expectation (147), Free Success (154), Gallant Knight (147), Inevitable (144), New Love (140), Pearl of Hongkong (137), Rone d'or (145), Valbridge (154).
Race 5—Obelisk Hill H'cap. Class A. 1 Mile.—Amusement (140), Beloved (147), Castle Peak (145), Chatterbox (145), Double Strength (154), Encore (152), Esquis (130), Fleetfoot (145), French Bean (late Picante) (154), Hammer Mill (152), Mitrail (150), Misty Law (142), Old Tyre (151), Quick-silver (140), Santa Maria (140), Winning Touch (135).
Race 6—Bennet's Hill Plate. (1st Sec.) Class B. 4 Mile.—Applause (140), Avon (140), Covey Girl (140), Isis (140), Ma Cherie (145), Midget (140), My Pal (140), Never Forget (140), Sea Raider (140), So Big (143), So Nice (140), Southern Cross (140), Starboard (140), The Kangaroo (143), Zerimar (145).
Race 7—Bennet's Hill Plate. (2nd Sec.) Class B. 1 Mile.—Amplora (140), Best Wishes (140), Dona Maria (143), Dragonfly (150), Happy Warrior (140), Hawatha (150), Marianne (140), Orange King (145), Precious Gem (140), Sky Horse (140), Snowy (152), Sultan (145), Tumbleweed (154), Vendetta (145), Wise Leader (143).
Race 8—Bridge Hill H'cap. (2nd Sec.) Class B. 1 Mile.—Allied Victory (150), Avon (140), Barchore (147), Char (130), Diamond Queen (130), Gladie (147), Good Girl (135), High Speed (154), Hiram C. (149), Peachums (140), Perfectionist (153), Phoenix (130), Precious Mine (150), Santa Claus (155), Spinning Wheel (150).

SECOND DAY
Race 1—Violet Hill H'cap. (Novices) Class 8. From 1½ M. Post.—Ben Lawers (141), Boyne (130), Calamity (155), Congratulation (152), Dilkooch (130), Easy-going (155), Evergreen (135), Fair Play (139), First Lady (150), Green Velvet (150), Laddie (143), Mags Penny (141), Mourne (155), Norse Lady (141), Quenpoia (150), Quillette (151), Rowanglen (145), Thunder Sky (151).
Race 2—Dragon's Back H'cap. Class 8. 4 Furlongs.—Barometer (142), Blazing (150), Blondie (147), Festival View (153), Fleetmaster (150), Kervra (140), King Rider (153), Koon-Yum Shan (154), Many Returns (141), May Blossom (157), Riders' Wish (157), Violette (140), Senecia (152), Thanksgiving Day (147), Trade Wind (140), Tune-phone (152), V. I. P. (140).
Race 3—Stanley Bay H'cap. Class 8. 1½ Miles.—Anna (140), Apple Pie (148), Cirrus (130), Diamond Dahlia (142), Fieldmaster (154), Flaming Wheel (136), Gidcup (158), Teedfield (140), Solar Knight (152), Sportsmanship (152), Treasureland (152), Winsome Stag (154).
Race 4—Hongkong St. Leger. (1955 Ponies) 1½ Miles.—Golden Branch (147), Helicon (147), Lightning Feet (147), Night People (147), Silver Wing (147), Snow-Damsel (147), Violet Ray (147).
Race 5—Waterfall Bay H'cap. Class 8. From 1½ M. Post.—Anniversary 10 (154), Emperor Delight (143), Flying Dutchman (139), Harmony (157), Honey Dew (145), Ironside (143), Main-sail II (153), Matador (150), Moomruth (151), Pegasus (154), Pot O'Gold (147), Rebel II (155), Sunstreak (150), Thousand Miles (144).
Race 6—Mount Collinson. H'cap. Class 1. 1½ Miles.—Babble (139), Ben Lomond (140), Bonita (140), Field Marshal (147), Fire-glo (150), Gabriel Jinks (142), Gold Crowns (140), Golden Branch (152), Jingle Bell (150), John-ber (141), King A. (147), Knock-down (140), Lightning Feet (150), New Jersey (142), Night People (159), Shiraz (147), Silver Wing (140), Strathlan (150).
Race 7—West Bay H'cap. Class 6. From 2 M. Post.—Advancement (144), Armament (154), Cornhill (143), Easy Slam (150), Hawaiian Moon (135), Orange Beauty (149), Souvenir (159), Tell-me-more (150), Tip Top (147).
Race 8—Sandy Bay H'cap. Class 3. 8 Furlongs.—Beautiful Lie (150), Bengal Lancer (144), Caesar (149), Corvete (143), Crackenlock (153), Diana (146), Easy Money (140), Emerald (152), Fenchurch (154), Fidia (155), Fighting Spirit (156), Full Ahead (147), Hallmark (154), Kentucky Lady (143), Lawrence (143), Mascot (140), Resurrection (154), Seafire (147), Star-glo (153).

Soccer League Standings

The following are the League soccer standing up to and including November 27.

First Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastern	13	12	0	1	40	10	24
South China	14	11	1	2	20	12	23
Sing Tao	12	8	2	2	24	21	18
Kwai Sang	13	8	1	4	20	17	17
Yee Hong	13	7	3	3	20	18	16
C.A.A.	13	7	0	6	27	34	14
Amoy	12	5	1	6	21	32	11
St. Joseph's	12	5	1	6	20	31	11
R.F.C.	11	4	0	7	20	31	8
Univ.	12	3	1	8	23	35	7
Kwai Wah	12	2	1	9	15	44	5
Police	14	1	2	11	24	52	4
Club	12	0	1	11	14	58	1
Second Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
K.M.B.	13	10	2	1	43	11	22
Ritchie	12	8	3	0	30	10	21
South China	14	11	1	2	20	12	23
Jing Tao	14	8	4	2	22	14	20
Jing Tao	13	7	3	3	20	17	18
Sing Tao	13	7	3	3	20	17	18
C.A.A.	13	7	0	6	27	34	14
Amoy	12	5	1	6	21	32	11
St. Joseph's	12	5	1	6	20	31	11
R.F.C.	11	4	0	7	20	31	8
Univ.	12	3	1	8	23	35	7
Kwai Wah	12	2	1	9	15	44	5
Police	14	1	2	11	24	52	4
Club	12	0	1	11	14	58	1
Third Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
R.M.C.	10	7	1	2	23	13	15
C.M.B.	10	6	2	2	13	12	14
Prisoners	10	5	2	3	12	11	13
Little Saigon	10	3	4	3	23	10	10
Taihook	9	4	1	4	22	17	9
Constitution	9	2	3	4	20	21	7
Tramways	9	2	3	4	20	21	7
R.M.B.	9	2	3	4	20	21	7
Police	9	2	3	4	20	21	7
Telephone	9	2	3	4	20	21	7
Police	9	2	3	4	20	21	7
Police	9	2	3	4	20	21	7
Fourth Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
R. & S.	9	7	2	0	51	10	10
Ross Woods	8	7	1	0	24	11	15
R.I.L.	8	6	2	0	12	7	14
Tamar	8	5	1	2	23	7	11
H.L. United	8	5	1	2	16	11	11
Caroline Hills	8	4	1	3	28	10	9
John Godwin	8	4	0	4	13	9	8
Warriors	8	3	1	4	17	17	7
Hollandia	8	3	1	4	17	17	7
University	8	2	3	3	14	30	7
Donkey	8	2	3	3	14	30	7
Lane Crawford	7	0	1	6	5	19	1
Rediffusion	8	0	0	8	5	30	0

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Mau Mau Well Fed In Central Kenya FATTER & STRONGER THAN YEAR AGO

By Henderson Gall

Nyeri, Central Kenya, Dec. 1.
Mau Mau terrorists, living off the
produce of European farms in this area,
are fatter and stronger than they were a
year ago, according to police officers here.

This contrasts with the picture
obtained from the Government Informa-
tion Office in Nairobi, which is, briefly, that
gangsters are hunted and hungry, and so
desperate for food that they will fall a
comparatively easy target to the Security
Forces.

The Information Office's
picture is, admittedly, an over-
all view of the Emergency, now
in its third year, whereas the
Nyeri area is one of several.
But, according to Army Intelli-
gence, Nyeri is today's most
trouble spot, gangs being better
organised and tougher here
than elsewhere.

It is easy to see why Nyeri is
important.

It lies between the moun-
tainous Aberdare and Mount
Kenia forests, where the main
terrorist leaders such as Dedan
Kimathi and Stanley Mathenge
hide away. It is a European-
settled area, with plentiful
supplies of food available to
gangs who can make quick
getaways.

Once A Hotbed

Further, whereas the Native
Reserves, once the heart of
Mau Mau, are now so closely
controlled that terrorists receive
virtually no support there in
the way of food, shelter or
equipment, and the forest areas
proper are so regularly patrolled
that gangs are always on the
move, life in the settled areas
is comparatively easy for them.
There is thus an incentive
for infiltration, and the creation
of a menacing situation which
may have nasty repercussions.
So far, the gangs seem content
to feed themselves without
taking aggressive action against
farmers.

The main difficulty, I was
told repeatedly by police officers
on the spot, is the support
given to gangs by the Kikuyu
labour on the huge European
farms which stretch for as
much as 75,000 acres across
high grasslands, bordering on
the forest sub-
Mount of this labour is what
they describe as "rotten." The
great majority of these workers
have taken the Mau Mau oath.
There are few Kikuyu any-
where who have not. In addi-
tion, many of the terrorists in
the area have relatives among
the labourers to whom they
are in the traditional style.
These workers have ex-
perienced little of the discom-
fort of the Kikuyu in the Re-
serves who are virtually forced
to co-operate with loyal Kikuyu
chief, and Government officers.
In fact, many observers here
agree that this is what the
"change of heart" among the
Kikuyu really amounts to.

Labour Short

Labour is short in Kenya
generally since it is admitted
that the Kikuyu were and are
the best workers, and many of
them are lodged now in deten-
tion camps.

Thus, to remove sections of
this contaminated labour whole-
sale from the settled areas
would, perhaps solve the prob-
lem of support for Mau Mau,
but it would make the farmers
lot twice as difficult.

Faced with this dilemma,
some farmers are reluctant to
agree that perhaps some of their
key workers are in league with
Mau Mau. Such cases are on
record, the police say.
It is, for example, a fact that
the self-styled General Kimbo,
once Kimathi's main forger,
has made more than 200
successful raids on farms here,
carrying off thousands of cattle,
sheep and goats.

It is difficult to believe that
even such an adept rustler could
have done this in the face of
determined opposition from
farm labour.

Recently, there was a case of
a gang making off with a batch
of pigs from a farm. The herds-
man said that he knew nothing
of the incident. Although inter-
rogations were certain that he
was lying, they could do
nothing.
At the Mweiga screening
camp, I saw a young Kikuyu
woman, of about 17 years of
age, who had just been captured
with a gang. She looked
healthy, well-fed and cheery,
and she was in no way cowed
at the interrogations piled her
with questions. She said that
she had been in the forest since
1953, which was probably true,
but refused to answer the next
question.
Pointing to a patch on the
shoulder of her dress, an inter-
rogator asked her how she had

obtained the thread to make
the repair. It seemed that this
was just another example of
how the local terrorists are re-
ceiving a steady supply of
necessities.

No one seems to have the
answer to this particular prob-
lem.

Still Give Up

Police officials made a second,
main point. The number of
male terrorists surrendering in
this area has fallen off consider-
ably in past months. Official
statistics, published weekly and
monthly, put men and women
together. Most of the women
in this area who surrender do
so to give birth to a baby in
comfort.

Police Headquarters in Nairobi
admit that the stage is probably
fast approaching when the
terrorists will be reduced to a
hard core, and that the num-
ber of surrenders will continue
to drop. Some outcasts will
still give themselves up, but the
majority will prefer to take
their chance in the forest.

One reason for this is that
many of the 2,500 terrorists
still at large have committed
murder or been accomplices,
and if they surrender, their
only prospect is a long term
of imprisonment, possibly for
life.—China Mail Special.

US Establishing Antarctic Bases Near Russians

Auckland, Dec. 1.
The United States still
intends to establish Antarctic
bases near the Russian expedi-
tions Headquarters, will in-
form sources said today.

The sources, who were close
to Rear Admiral Byrd when he
was here said the US will set
up a base or bases on Knox
Coast. This information con-
flicts with Byrd's hint to the
press in the US before he left.
At that time the Admiral
intimated that the US would
not have enough money or men
to set up bases earlier proposed
for Knox Coast and Vansell bay.

Knox Coast was not men-
tioned in operation "Deep
freeze," but American officials
today insisted a base would be
established there by 1956.—
United Press.

Macmillan Meets Vietnam Minister



Vietnamese Foreign Minis-
ter, Vu Van Man, accom-
panied by Ngo Dinh Luyen,
Vietnamese Ambassador in
Europe, visited the British
Foreign Office recently to
meet Foreign Secretary
Harold Macmillan. Mr Vu is
visiting his country's diploma-
tic missions in Europe.
Picture shows Mr Macmillan
(left) with Mr Vu and, on
right, Mr Ngo.—Express
Photo

Hard Times Ahead For Spinsters

Wellington, Dec. 1.
New population statistics de-
liver a hard knock at New
Zealand's reputation as a "spin-
ster's paradise"—the supply of
surplus males is down to 12,071.

Early in 1955 an announce-
ment that 40,000 eligible men
were unmarried out of a popu-
lation of about two million
brought thousands of letters to
city mayors from spinsters all
over the world.

The writers pleaded to be put
in touch with the "surplus,"
and the mayors often obliged.

The cold statistics do not
show whether this changed the
country's man-to-woman ratio.
Total population was given as
2,147,155, an increase of 10,062
in three months.—China Mail
Special.

Monks Run Hospital For Manuscripts And Old Books

By HORACE CASTELL

Rome, Dec. 1.

A group of monks has opened a "hospital"
for old books and manuscripts in a six-centuries
old monastery in central Italy.

In white tunics, their hoods thrown back on
to their shoulders, the Brothers bend low over
high desks, working without hurry, with great
care and infinite patience.

Their task is to cure as far
as is humanly possible, the
ailments of old books, manu-
scripts, documents, original
editions, music scores suffering
from age, the degradation of ter-
mites, fire, humidity, or water.

The monks are Olivetans, an
independent branch of the
Benedictine Order. Their
monastery, Monte Oliveto Mag-
giore, was founded, like the
branch Order, in 1313. It stands
in the shade of a wood on the
crest of a hill about halfway be-
tween Siena and Florence, and
is one of the loveliest monas-
teries in Italy.

The Institute of Restoration of
Old Books, though the monks
themselves call it "our clinic,"
lies in one wing of the building.

Half Dozen

There are only half a dozen
or so similar institutes in the
world, three of them in Italy,
and the monks have enough work
piled up already to last them for
at least a century.

But the patience of Benedic-
tines is proverbial. Don Mario
Pinzuti, a biochemist and director
of the Institute, smiles and says,
"With time, everything will be
done."

More than patience is needed,
however, for the highly
specialised job of restoring de-
crepit, time-worn books to some-
thing like their original state.
In fact, the high desks of the
monks only enter the operation
in its last stages—after the
"patient" has been through a
photographic studio, a laboratory
and a pressing machine.

A 15th century chart of con-
siderable historical value, for
example, is sent by a museum
to the Institute with the plea

that everything possible be done
to repair the ravages caused by
long immersion in sea water.

Experts photograph every inch
of the chart, enlarging the pic-
tures to several times the size
of the chart itself. There is
thus a perfect record of what the
document looked like when it
arrived.

Reconstruction

The chart is then sent to the
laboratories where it is disin-
fected, sterilised and bathed in
a chemical solution which brings
out even the tiniest mark on the
document. Then the paper itself
is chemically strengthened and
if the corners have curled, these
are flattened.

Finally, the monks, using
modern pens set to work to re-
construct the practically illegible
letters on the document, helped
by old records, information sup-
plied by the senders and their
own profound knowledge.

Once they have restored the
document to legibility, it is sent
back to the photographic section.

When books are sent for res-
toration, their last stop before
the final photographs is in the
binding department.

The monks possess over 5,000
instruments for binding and
inscribing the titles. Some of
these tools date back to the days
of the Medici, Florence's most
powerful family in the 15th and
16th centuries.

But many of the tools used in
the Olivetans' Institute were
made by themselves, Don Mario
Pinzuti told me.

"It took us several years to
equip our Institute properly," he
said. "Now we think the instru-
ments at our disposal are among
the most modern in the world."

"But our most important
possession, I think, is our great
love for old books."

Original Score

The high moments of the
monks' lives, Don Mario said,
come when, among a pile of dis-
coloured, ragged documents just
sent in, they discover some lost
masterpiece.

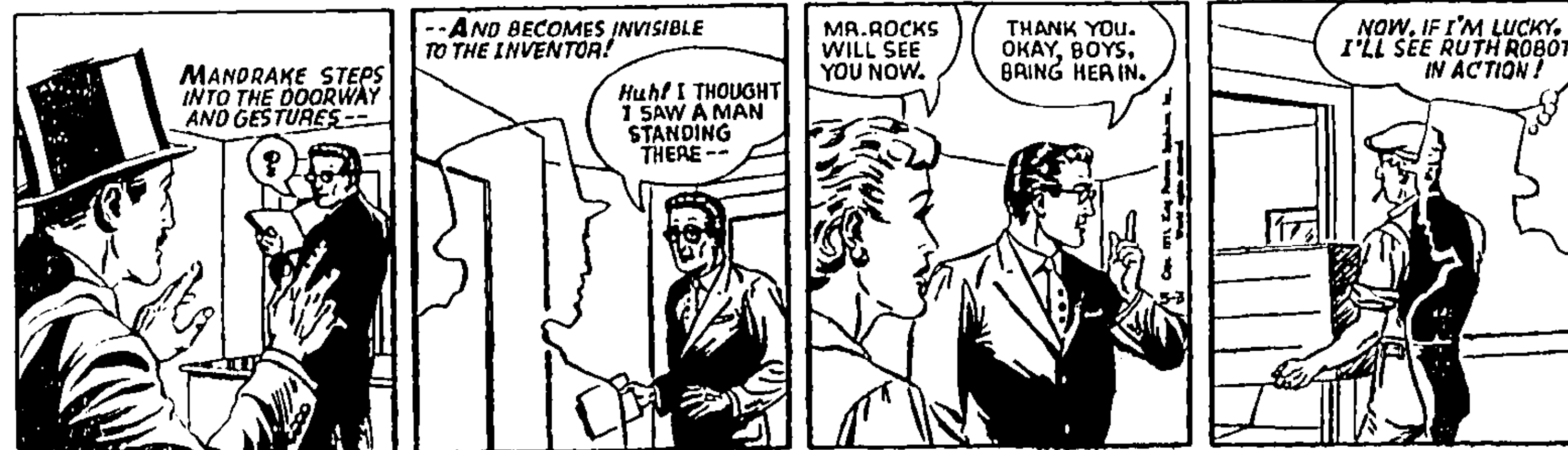
"Recently we found the
original score of a piece of music
by Fier Luigi da Palestrina, the
famous 16th-century Italian
composer of sacred music. There
was great excitement in the
Institute that day."

He excused himself with a
smile and waved the sheet of
paper he was holding.

"This is a progress report
which we keep for each book or
manuscript sent to the Institute
for restoration. Every stage of
the cure is carefully noted. And
now I must leave you because
an original edition has just gone
to the tubs for a chemical bath
and I must go and see how our
"patient" is responding to the
treatment."—China Mail Special.

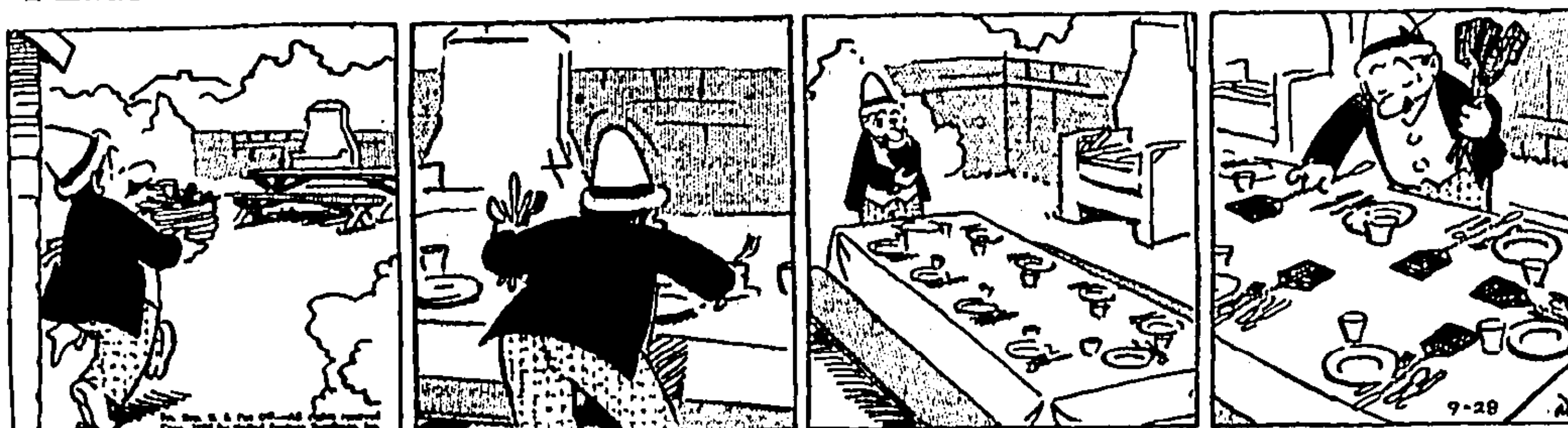
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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



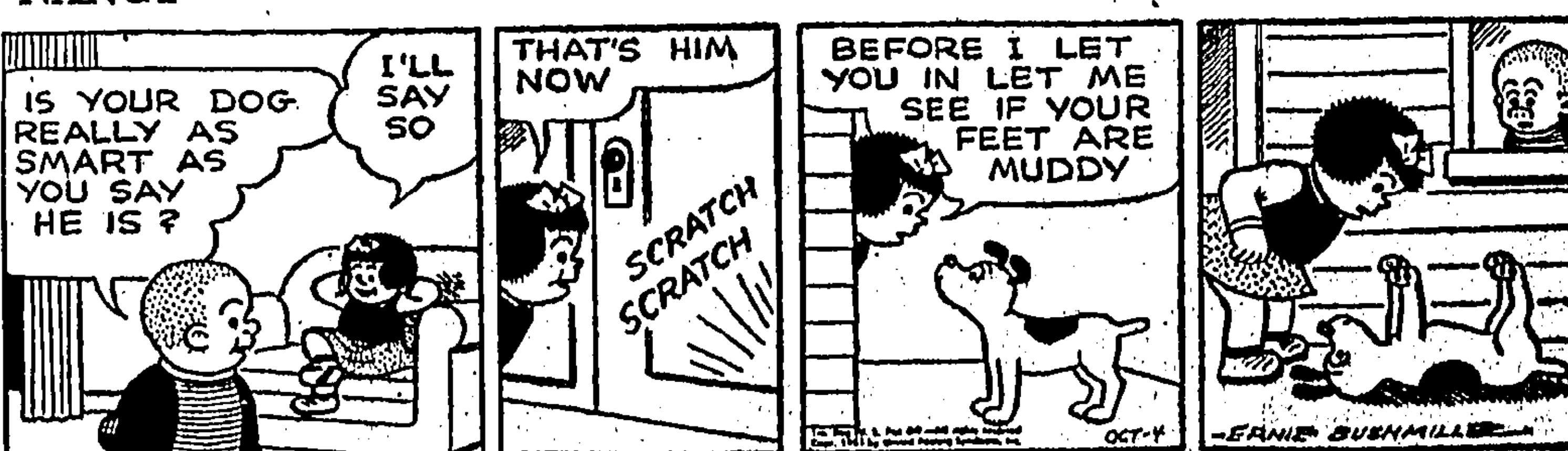
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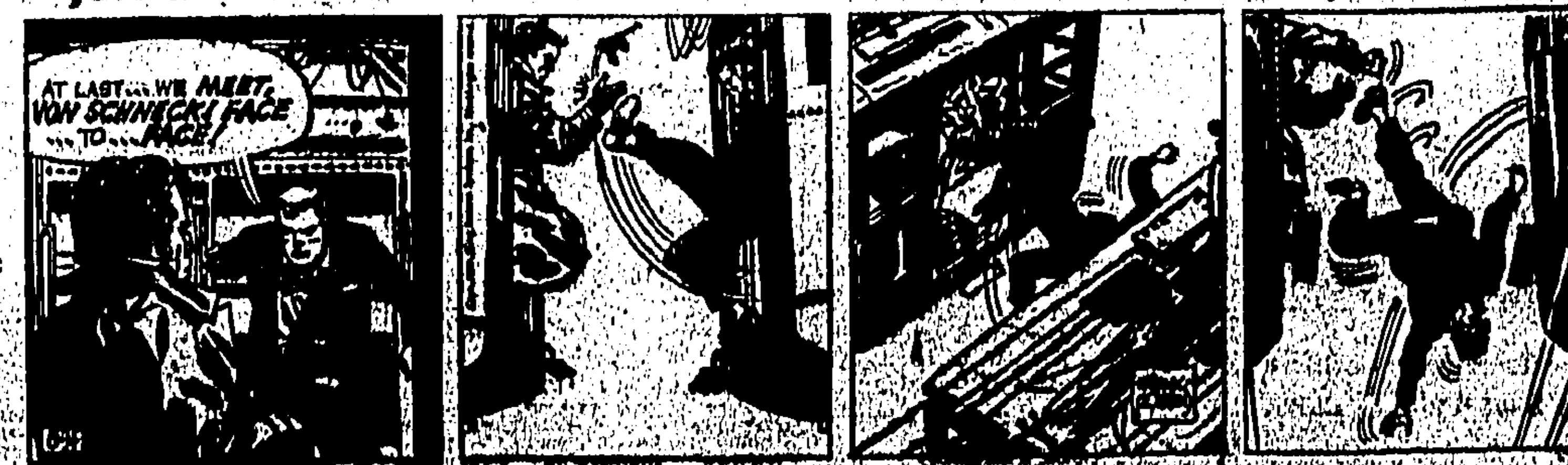
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By Frank Robbins



The Girl Who Spat In Hitler's Eye

Hamburg, Dec. 1.
Germans queued at a
Hamburg exhibition to see
a postage stamp circulated
in Germany during Hitler's
regime showing a little
girl spitting in the
Fuhrer's eye.

The stamp is a subtle Ameri-
can forgery included in a
unique collection of stamps
produced for propaganda pur-
poses by both sides during the
1939-45 war.

The original, issued to com-
memorate Hitler's 53th birthday
in 1944, showed the girl con-
gratulating him.

A head of Field Marshal
Erwin von Witzleben, executed
for his part in the 1944 bomb
plot to kill Hitler, was substituted
for the head of Hitler on one
British-made forgery, smuggled
into Germany towards the end
of the war. Several letters
carrying the Witzleben stamp
reached their destinations with-
out detection.

The collection, which belongs
to Hans Joachim Roedel, also
contains a stamp printed in Ger-
many for use in England, pic-
turing the head of King George
VI, and a stamp from the
China Mail Special.

